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*Zebras v Georgies

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**CANNONS ONE
STEP CLOSER TO
MINOR PREMIERSHIP**

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Mariners beat Melbourne 3-1
and knock the Victory out
of the Pre-season Cup
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VODAFONE CUP

DETAILS



ROUND 22 SCOREBOARD

RICHMOND EAGLES 0 – 1 SOUTH MELBOURNE

Friday 28th July Kevin Bartlett Reserve Crowd: 1000

Goals: V.Natsioulas (SM) 20th.
 Yellow cards: A.Oliveira (SM) 27th, R.Tavancioglu (SM) 41st,
 D.Djulbic (SM) 57th.
 Red cards: None

Eagles: R.Simioni, S.Webster, S.Burton, J.Baskerville,
 S.McCluskey, B.Beni, S.Sivic, N.Bahnsen (X.Sulemani 61st),
 D.Visevic, V.Korcarevski (F.O'Colmain 75th), J.Robinson
 (G.Hockless 28th).

South: D.Anastasiadis, S.De Vito, G.Tzirtis, V.Natsioulas (N.Curtis
 78th), A.Oliveira (G.De Nittis 75th), D.Djulbic, R.Tavancioglu,
 F.De Moraes, T.Baser, S.MacNicol, A.Nagliari.

FRANKSTON PINES 3 – 2 MELBOURNE KNIGHTS

Saturday 29th July Monterey Reserve Crowd: 500

Goals: B.Oucin (FP) 2nd, C.Leopold (FP) 23rd, C.Jones (FP) 24th,
 C.Elvin (MK) 60th, D.Matkovic (MK) 66th.
 Yellow cards: C.McFarlane (FP) 33rd, C.Elvin (MK) 34th, L.Cannel
 (MK) 67th.
 Red cards: None.

Pines: K.Melvor, T.Malcolm, J.Cumming, M.Anderson, B.Cullen,
 C.Leopold, C.McFarlane, C.Jones, B.Oucin, N.Waite, C.Metcalfe.

Knights: A.Cagalj, A.Neven, G.Talevski, D.Matkovic, B.Chesson,
 C.Elvin, A.Baresic, M.Dugandzic (A.Muzafarovic 80th), M.Ladnjak,
 A.Zilic, D.Marusic (L.Cannell HT).

OAKLEIGH CANNONS 1 – 0 ALTONA MAGIC

Sunday 30th July Jack Edwards Reserve Crowd: 1000

Goals: E.Masi (OC) 2nd.
 Yellow cards: A.Ewin (OC) 33rd, I.Arsovski (AM) 32nd, K.Delev
 (AM) 44th.
 Red cards: None.

Cannons: S.Webster, F.Rosman, A.Ewin, A.Kovacic, B.Damianos,
 C.Boutsianis (A.Pelikan 78th), J.Nilo, E.Masi, S.Webster,
 S.Poutakidis, G.Goutzioulis (R.Kumar 85th).

Magic: B.Jevdevic, S.Mrkela, L.Osman, K.Delev, A.Opazo
 (I.Kolevski 88th), S.Becvinovski, T.Razov, A.Sherifovski
 (D.Mladenovic HT), I.Arsovski, I.Razov (P.Cergovski HT),
 D.Vasilevski.

GREEN GULLY 3 – 1 ESSENDON ROYALS

Sunday 30th July Green Gully Reserve Crowd: 600

Goals: J.Nikolic (GG) 8th & 11th, P.Hader (GG) 87th.
 Yellow cards: R.Ollerton (GG) 35th, M.Catalano (ER) 35th, C.Miles
 (ER) 60th, P.Hader (GG) 62nd.
 Red cards: None

Gully: A.Loncaric, D.Fak, Z.Markovski, D.Cain, J.Flemming,
 B.Vassallo, J.Nikolic (P.Hader 52nd), R.Ollerton, D.Nastevski,
 L.Lapsansky, R.Cardozo (M.Sanders 56th).

Royals: M.Sutalo (J.Davie 61st), N.Thomas, S.Pir, N.Schwal,
 J.Youssef, L.Catalano (V.Pititto 46th), D.Pilic, M.Catalano,
 M.Medjedovic, H.Fa'arodo, C.Miles

HEIDELBERG UNITED 1 – 0 PRESTON LIONS

Sunday 30th July Olympic Village Crowd: 2000

Goals: N.Marinos (HU) 2nd
 Yellow cards:
 Red cards:

Bergers: Acevski Roberts Liparotti Jones Drossos Petrovic Oularis
 Vassiliadis Vlahos Gjuni Marinos

sub Yusuf/marinos

Lions: G.Gruevski, L.Anastasiou, T.Devrimol M.Gasparis B.Giorgioski J.Saparovski A.Magnacca S.Pace P.Siveski E.Karahan
 Y.Said

Sub Younan/ Giorgioski

PLAYING TONIGHT

FAWKNER/WHITTLESEA – KINGSTON CITY

Monday 31st July Epping Stadium Crowd:

Goals:
 Yellow cards:
 Red cards:

BULLEEN ZEBRAS – SUNSHINE GEORGIES

Monday 31st July Veneto Club Crowd:

Goals:
 Yellow cards:
 Red cards:

VODAFONE CUP TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Oakleigh Cannons	22	15	5	2	44	21	50
South Melbourne	22	11	5	6	39	23	38
Altona Magic	22	10	7	5	25	18	37
Heidelberg Utd	22	10	5	7	38	32	35
Kingston City	21	9	5	7	31	29	32
Green Gully	22	7	7	8	37	36	28
Richmond Eagles	22	7	7	8	33	34	28
Preston Lions	22	7	7	8	37	39	28
Melbourne Knights	22	7	6	9	28	34	27
Bulleen Zebras	21	7	5	9	22	29	26
Fawkner-Whittlesea	21	8	1	12	34	43	25
Essendon Royals	22	6	6	10	22	28	24
Frankston Pines	22	6	3	13	20	36	21
Sunshine Georgies	21	5	5	11	24	32	20



Oakleigh's Juan Nilo looks up in awe as Koce Delev rises high to win the ball for the Magic

Photo by John Punshon

VODAFONE CUP RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Green Gully Cavaliers SC	21	13	4	4	48	21	43
Richmond SC	22	12	4	6	45	30	40
South Melbourne FC	21	11	4	6	46	32	37
Preston Lions SC	20	11	3	6	34	30	36
Fawkner-Whittlesea SC	20	9	6	5	37	25	33
Heidelberg United SC	20	9	5	6	31	29	32
Sunshine Georgies SC	21	9	4	8	51	31	31
Oakleigh Cannons SC	22	8	6	8	42	36	30
Bulleen Zebras SC	19	9	3	7	29	30	30
Essendon Royals SC	20	8	4	8	27	32	28
Altona Magic SC	22	7	1	14	35	50	22
Melbourne Knights SC	22	7	1	14	27	52	22
Frankston Pines SC	21	6	0	15	32	53	18
Kingston City SC	21	3	3	15	23	56	12

VODAFONE CUP ROUND 23

KINGSTON CITY

v

RICHMOND EAGLES

Friday 4th August

The Grange Reserve,
 Kingston Mel: 79 F8

KO 8.15pm

ALTONA MAGIC

v

BULLEEN ZEBRAS

Saturday 5th August
 Paisley Park Reserve,
 Altona Mel: 55 C5

KO 5.30pm

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS

v

GREEN GULLY CAVALIERS

Sunday 6th August
 Knights Stadium
 Sunshine Mel: 27 A6
 KO 3pm

PRESTON LIONS

v

FAWKNER/WHITTLESEA

Sunday 6th August
 BT Connor Reserve,
 Reservoir Mel: 18 B2
 KO 3pm

SUNSHINE GEORGIES

v

FRANKSTON PINES

Sunday 6th August
 Chaplin Reserve,
 Sunshine Mel: 26 G12
 KO 3pm

SOUTH MELBOURNE

v

OAKLEIGH CANNONS

Sunday 6th July
 Bob Jane Stadium,
 Albert Park Mel: 2K F6
 KO 6pm

ESSENDON ROYALS

v

HEIDELBERG UNITED

Monday 7th August
 Veneto Social Club,
 Bulleen Mel: 32 D9
 KO 8:15pm

LEADING GOALSCORERS

Michael Curcija
 Kingston City FC 14

Sash Becvinovski
 Altona Magic FC 12

James Robinson
 Richmond Eagles FC 12

Esala Masi
 Oakleigh Cannons FC 12

Anthony Magnacca
 Preston Lions 11



VODAFONE CUP

Round 22



CHAMPAGNE ON ICE FOR CANNONS

ONE WIN AWAY FROM MINOR PREMIERSHIP

Oakleigh Cannons 1 - 0 Altona Magic

Oakleigh Cannons have all but assured itself of clinching the Minor Premiership with a hard fought 1-0 victory against Altona Magic at a very blustery Jack Edwards Reserve on Sunday.

A second minute strike by striker Esala Masi from the edge of the box gave the Altona 'keeper Bojo Jevdevic absolutely no chance and presented the home side the early momentum that coach Stuart Munro would have been looking for going into this clash against the leagues second placed team.

The visitors struggled to gain any ascendancy after being put on the back foot from Masi's early goal and found they were chasing the game from that point onwards. Juan Nilo saw his shot fly across the face of the Magic goal moments after the goal and perhaps should have done much better with his chance.

Young centre back Adam Ewin, at the heart of the Cannons defence, looked very comfortable when being pressed by the Altona forwards who did their best to try and break down the solid Cannons unit. Really, the visitors did not pressure the home side enough to cause 'keeper Steve Webster any major problems. Webster, at times looked as though he needed a warm coat to avoid freezing to death, whilst his side completely dominated the first half.

The last quarter of the first half was very scrappy and there were three needless bookings, one



Adam Ewin (left) and Sash Belevirovski race for the ball

for Altona and two for Oakleigh, so it was a relief for all when the ref blew the whistle for half time to give both sets of players time to calm down.

Altona's new coach Vlado Tortevski made two

substitutions at the break, bringing on Doug Mladenovsac and Pece Cergovski, to try and freshen up a lacklustre Altona performance. This seemed to do the trick as they picked up the pace of the game creating a couple of good chances and finally making Webster earn his wages for this weekend.

As the visitors pushed forward the Cannons caught them on the break, with the experienced Con Boutsianis causing problems down the right hand side of the pitch. His excellent crosses and long throws proving difficult to defend against.

Masi's pace and the timing of his jumps was a constant source of difficulty, whenever the midfield got the ball forward to the exciting striker he would have the Altona defence on the back foot.

The final score of 1-0 really did not show the true reflection on the near total domination of the game by the Cannons. Webster only had a solitary shot on goal to deal with during the whole 90 minutes of action.

A fairer result would seen the Cannons ahead by at least a couple more goals, and coach Stuart Munro will be hoping his side gets its shooting boots on in time for next week's big clash against a South Melbourne. Considering the strong connections between these two sides, Bob Jane Stadium promises to be a fitting venue for the Cannons to celebrate a well deserved Minor premiership with four round still remaining.

By Paul Jefferies
Photos by John Punshon



New coach Vlado Tortevski gives Pece Cergovski his instructions as the linesman notes the half-time substitution.

Stuart Munro
Coach, Oakleigh Cannons:

I was very pleased today and I thought we played very, very well against a quality team. Altona is a very good team and I felt we were good today, we created numerous chances and really, on another day it could have been four or five. Esala Masi's goal after a couple of minutes was a fantastic goal. In the second half we had a number of efforts in front of goal, which should have been taken. All in all, it was a good win against very good opposition.

Vlado Tortevski
Coach, Altona Magic:

It was similar to our game against South Melbourne last week, in that it was a really hard game. We copped an early goal in the first couple of minutes and we found it very hard to get back into the match. We had our chances, we tried hard, but Oakleigh are a very good side. We're still up there and we'll see what'll happen.

Man of the Match
Esala Masi
(Cannons)

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BERGERS MAKE FINAL SPRINT HOME

EARLY MARINOS GOAL TOO MUCH FOR LIONS

Heidelberg Utd 1 - 0 Preston Lions



Local rivals Heidelberg United and Preston Lions met at Olympic Village tonight with both teams hoping to consolidate their place in the top six.

The Bergers stunned the visiting fans when Nick Marinatos headed home an Eric Vassiliadis corner in the second minute. United won the corner after Preston keeper, Goce Grulevski's excellent diving save deflected a long distance Vassiliadis strike around the post for the corner.

Heidelberg were looking the sharper outfit early on, getting first to the ball and winning several free kicks and corners. A free kick combination created an opening for Andy Vlahos whose shot narrowly missed the far post. Another Marinatos header from a Vassiliadis had the Preston faithful holding their breaths as it flashed wide.

Marinatos then fell awkwardly in the 20th minute and stood up clutching his left hamstring, forcing coach Con Papas into bringing on Yusuf Yusuf on the left flank and switching Albert Gjuni into the frontline.

Preston were looking for Pece Siveski to initiate attacking moves out of defense and through the middle. However the Lions were having difficulty delivering longer passes into their forward line due to the strong, blustery wind at their backs. After the lively opening, the game settled into a tight midfield struggle where space was a premium and neither side could create any chances.

Lions forward Blaze Giorgioski shot wide of the post after his free kick rebounded off the Bergers' wall on the edge of the box, in the 41st minute. The match sprung to life and the visiting supporters found their voice in the 58th minute when the Lions hit the post twice within a minute. The first came after an Anthony Magnacca burst through the middle resulted in his partially blocked shot rebounding off the post and across goal. The second

came when Lions defender Tayfun Devrimol's left foot strike cannoned off the base of the post. Heidelberg hit back with narrow misses to Vassiliadis and a Daniel Jones header over the bar again from a set piece.

Zia Younan replaced Giorgioski on 70 minutes and his pass created an opening for Magnacca whose shot forced an excellent Acesvski save. Magnacca couldn't believe his bad luck in the 82nd minute when another shot off his beat Acevski only to find Bergers' defender, Robert Liparotti blocking the shot on the goal line. The Lions

pushed forward in the final ten minutes dominating possession. The home team almost scored on the counterattack, with good chances to Yusuf and Vlahos but couldn't capitalize.

By George Stogiannou
Photos by Daniel Flis



Con Pappas

Coach, Heidelberg Utd:

It was a very hard match and we scored a goal in the first minute. We knew it was going to be tough as we only had about seven fit players going in to it. I'm not trying to make excuses, but it showed the courage of the players to keep going under difficult circumstances. We started to run out of legs and Preston began to take over. We were under the pump, but well done to the boys for keeping a clean sheet and able to come away with the three points.

Goran Lozanovski

Coach, Preston Lions:

Once again we gave away another soft goal, which was pretty disappointing. We've got to learn to stop giving teams gifts. We turned it around in the second half and totally dominated. We should have scored a couple of goals but all credit to Lou Acevski who pulled off some great saves to keep us off the scoresheet tonight.

Man of the Match
Andy Vlahos
(Bergers)

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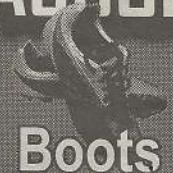
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GREEN GULLY FLIRTS WITH FINALS

PRESSURE ON ROYALS AS RELEGATION WORRIES MOUNT

Green Gully 3 - 1 Essendon Royals



Charlie Farrugia
President, Green Gully:

It was a very hard and even game. Essendon made a very good game of it and it was a close encounter. I think the match reflected the competition's spirit, tenacity and closeness.

David Winton
Coach, Essendon Royals:

Unavailable for comment

Man of the Match
Joel Nikolic
(Gully)



The Green Gully Cavaliers for at least 24 hours are in the top six of the Vodafone Cup. Pending the result of tomorrow night's Bulleen v Sunshine match.

The Cavaliers will drop to seventh place should the Bulleen Zebras beat Sunshine at the Veneto Social Club, but on the flip-side have opened up a 7 point safety buffer on the dreaded possibility of relegation. Goal-scoring machine Joel Nikolic erased the bad memories of last weekend's last minute penalty misskick with two goals in the opening 15 minutes for the home team.

Before then, an adventurous Cameron Miles virtually ran the length of Gully's own half to score the opener for the Essendon Royals with just two minutes of play down on the clock. In fact, it may well have been the early goal that gave Gully the ignition to start playing good football.

Joel Nikolic is now the club's leading goalscorer with eight goals this season, 7 of those coming from his last 6 matches. The second half continued very much the same way as the first half left off. However, the Cava-

liers made a couple of changes up forward with the introduction of Peter Hader and Matthew Sanders. Sanders thought he had scored from a goalmouth scramble midway through the second period, but referee Lewis Giuseppi had stopped play as the ball hit the back of the net, as the Royals goalkeeper Marko Sutalo had to be carried from the pitch with a head injury. Before a load of injury time, Peter Hader single-handedly beat the Essendon Royals defense to wrap up the ball game, with a third goal for the Cavaliers.

Green Gully's Under 21's beat Essendon 2-0, to open up a six point lead at the top of the Under 21 standings, and need just two more wins from the last four matches to become the 2006 champions.

By Markian Jaworsky
Photos by Daniel Flis

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FRANKSTON NOT READY TO PINE AWAY JUST YET

FRANKSTON MOVES OFF BOTTOM, 6 POINTS IN 3 DAYS



Frankston Pines 3 - 2 Melbourne Knights



Frankston Pines withstood a late finishing Melbourne Knights 3-2 to claim their second victory in three days for the side that was all but guaranteed the wooden spoon and demotion at the start of the week.

Facing imminent relegation Pines defeated Essendon Royals 2-1 on Wednesday night, coming back from 1-0 at half time, to rekindle their hope of staying in the FFV Premier League.

Captain Cameron Leopold led the charge, the midfielder was probably best on ground, picking up a goal and motivating his side with gutsy displays in the centre and a few inspiring oratories.

"If you lot want to keep playing at this level you better find something right now" heralded Leopold just as Pines looked like undoing their formidable start that saw three goals within thirty minutes.

A young and fractured Knights outfit fought gallantly to make a game of it, coming close to raining on the Pines parade. Two second half goals from the visitors turned a possible watershed into an enthralling competition.

Pines took the lead three minutes into the match with a well constructed goal finished off by Craig Metcalfe. A series of passes, dummies and an eventual cross, involving Jamie Cumming, Nick Waite and Metcalfe, yielded Pines an early lead, a rarity this season.

Leopold garnered the next from seemingly nothing after he rose to emphatically head home a corner from the six yard box. With Knights somewhat dazed it wasn't long before Pines made it 3-0 courtesy of Cameron Jones who dispossessed the last defender before going one on one with Knights keeper Adrian Cagah.

Knights returned after the break with a renewed vigour and twenty minutes in former Pines utility Craig Elvin hit a cracker from 25 metres out.

Curiously the talented workhorse didn't celebrate his blinding shot, the standout of the day, no doubt finding it difficult to play against the club he enjoyed much success.

The Knights were clearly on the ascendancy and before long Dario Matkovic gave the visitors a sniff with his well executed goal. Working himself into the box he

plied on past Pines' Kieron McIvor who was still recovering from Elvin's cracker.

Suddenly Pines were on the back foot and seasoned defenders Michael Anderson and Trent Malcolm were put to the test. With the help of Ben Cullen they managed to stave off a number of Knights offences lead by Mat-

kovic, Goran Talevski and Andrew Barisic. Pines eventually regained control, largely through the efforts of Jones and Leopold, as well as Boris Ovcin who worked the left flank well in the second half. Youngster Nick D'Angelo replaced an injured Nick Waite late in the match, causing Knights a few headaches late in the game.

A disappointed but philosophical Knights coach Joe Spoljar said his young side was overwhelmed in the early stages but that he was pleased with his sides second half.

"They were a bit struck after the start but they came back well."

And in reference to ongoing problems on and off field at the club he added.

"Sometimes you have to go to the bottom before you start to improve."

His counterpart at Pines Adam Jamieson could well empathise with Spoljar, himself happy to win his first couple of games after taking the helm mid season.

Yet again Pines have proved themselves the rope-a-dope experts. In the course of just three days they have turned certain demotion into a fighting chance starting with this week's crucial fixture against bottom placed Sunshine George Cross.

By Jason Gillick
Photos by Daryl Kennedy

Above Left: Knights defender Neven Antic goes in for tackle
Below: Dario Matkovic on the ball for the Knights



Adam Jamieson
Coach, Frankston Pines:

3-0 up at half-time and they nearly gave me heart attack! But, seriously, it was fantastic to get two wins within 3 days and a real credit to their character. They're fighting it out, which is great. We finished chances when we needed to and put them under pressure early on. I suppose in the second half, two games in four days started to take its toll, but we got the result and that's what it's all about. it keeps us in the picture.

Joe Spoljar
Coach, Melbourne Knights:

For the first twenty minutes they ran all over the top of us. The youngsters gave a good account of themselves and we won the second half 2-0, but a match is played over 90 minutes. 3-0 at half time you would have thought we were going to collapse, but to the boys credit they were good enough to come back. We live to find another day, but with a limited squad, this is probably the hardest job in the league at the moment.

Man of the Match
Cam Leopold
(Pines)



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SOUTH BREAKS EAGLES' SEVEN GAME STREAK



SOUTH SET FOR DOUBLE CHANCE, EAGLES STILL HOPE FOR SIX

Richmond Eagles 0 - 1 South Melbourne



In a game which failed to live up to expectations, South Melbourne took all three points from Kevin Bartlett Reserve with a goal from Vasilios Natsioulas bringing up a 1-0 win over Richmond.

After a quiet opening to the game, South began showing signs of taking the ascendancy in the tenth minute. A cross from Fernando De Moraes was headed clear for a corner, which when taken by Natsioulas tested the Richmond defence before eventually being cleared.

Not long after it was a corner from De Moraes which was tipped over the crossbar by Richmond keeper Robbie Simioni. On nineteen minutes South duly took the lead. A free kick on the left wing presented Scott MacNicol with the chance to shoot, his effort blocked into the path of Natsioulas who turned and weaved into some space before sticking the ball beyond the stranded Simioni.

Things got worse for Richmond when leading goalscorer James Robinson, who had suffered a knock to his ankle early on, had to be substituted after twenty-eight minutes. Tansel Baser and MacNicol both shot wide while Richmond failed to create any clear scoring opportunities.

Just before half-time, Ramazan Tavansiolou

put a shot wide for South with Semir Sivic blazing a long range effort over for Richmond at the other end.

The home side began a little more positively after the break, a corner forcing Dean Anastasiadis into an unconvincing punch which fell to Semir Sivic. Anastasiadis recovered well to close down the young Richmond midfielder and the ball was cleared. There was another nervous moment for the South keeper shortly after, when he dropped a high ball flicked on by Veton Kocarevski from a Sivic cross under pressure from James Baskerville, but no Eagle was on hand to punish the mistake.

A good run from Baskerville saw him break into the box after fifty-nine minutes but by then he had run out of ideas and options, and weight of numbers saw him dispossessed by the South defenders.

Natsioulas then released De Moraes who saw Simioni smother his shot. Sammy De Vito crossed for MacNicol who had a strike blocked as South pushed for a goal to wrap up the game. In the sixty-ninth minute they went closer still, a Natsioulas cross reaching Andreas Oliveira who slammed the ball over the crossbar as another opportunity went begging.

In the last minute Baskerville played in Daniel Visevic who cut the ball across goal to the far post, but out of reach for both Xhezair Sulemani and Sivic, and effort which summed up the home team's night.

Richmond failed to produce any of the form which had seen them win five games in a row and scrape into the Top Six after a win at Fawkner-Whittlesea on Monday night. South Melbourne, fighting hard for second spot on the table, showed the form which will make them title contenders.

By Mark Boric
Photos by John Punshon



South boys in action

Phil Stubbins
Coach, Richmond Eagles:

I thought South Melbourne were certainly the better side up until scoring the goal. They were probably as good as any footballing side we've played against and we were probably a little bit flat after having to back up from playing on Monday night. Perhaps that took a bit of an edge off us. But, no excuses, South Melbourne were a good side and probably good for the points on the night.

John Anastasiadis
Coach, South Melbourne:

It was a great result for us against the league's form team at the moment. I thought it was great effort and we thoroughly deserved it. Stubb's got a good crop of young boys there, they kept on running at us, but we wanted to get that second position back and we were glad to hear the final whistle.

Man of the Match
Vasilios Natsioulas
(South)

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VODAFONE CUP

Round 22



DEPLETED BLUES HOST OUT OF FORM REDS

MURPHY HOPING TO GET REDS BACK IN THE PREMIERSHIP RACE

Fawkner-Whittlesea vs Kingston City



This Monday nights Vodafone Cup encounter takes us to Epping stadium for the battle between Fawkner-Whittlesea and Kingston City. Both sides are out of form and will be looking to rebound following demoralising losses last week. The Blues were routed 5-0 at home to a rejuvenated Richmond outfit whilst the Reds were embarrassed 4-0 at home to an impressive Heidelberg United who are suddenly firming

as serious championship contenders. Both sides are desperately seeking to secure the three valuable points for contrasting reasons.

Kingston City who were in second place mid-way through the year have only secured five points in the second round and are in danger of their "star studded" line up missing finals football as they currently lie in fifth spot on 32 points. In contrast the Blues are precariously looking at the drop zone

and are sitting in eleventh spot on 25 points just 4 points clear of Frankston. Adding to the mounting pressure on Coach John Markovski was the surprising loss of his old club the Melbourne Knights who suffered a shock 3-2 defeat away to Frankston, which enables the Pines to edge closer to safety. Conversely, given that only four points separates sixth from twelfth spot on the ladder, a Blues win

on Monday night will place them on the brink of finals birth and level on points with sixth placed Preston Lions.

The Round 22 encounter will also be the first match in charge for new Kingston coach Ken Murphy who found himself unemployed for only one week before taking over the reigns from George Katsakis, who felt the wrath of the Kingston board mid-week. Defensively the teams have conceded a combined total of fifteen goals in the last two rounds. Given the high stakes of the encounter and poor defensive records, both coaches should be looking to go gung-ho at each other as a draw won't suit either side. Although both sides haven't been scoring, they both possess plenty of attacking prowess up forward and it's only a matter of time before they start firing again. The Reds classy dynamic duo of Michael Curcija and Joe Spiteri will be tough to hold out, whilst the Blues will be looking towards talisman Mark Tsiorlas to add to his impressive 9 goals this campaign.

CP predicts a close away victory for the Reds whose players will be looking to redeem themselves in front of their new coach this week and should be too classy for Fawkner-Whittlesea's erratic defence.

By Chris Priftis

Dennis Govic
Team Manager, Fawkner-Whittlesea:

We're pretty depleted in numbers and down to the bare minimum. Due to our circumstances I believe John Markovski will be in the starting line-up. We've got to give 100% and bounce back from the heavy defeat against Richmond. We've got to look forward and try to turn recent results around. A top six spot is still not beyond us.

Ken Murphy
Coach, Kingston City:

I think a few clubs have got depleted squads at the moment and Kingston isn't any different. It will be challenge to put a good team on the pitch on Monday night. We've just got to get out of this spell. Hopefully we can tighten things up a bit, change the atmosphere in the dressing room and pick up the points required to make sure we get into the finals.

Left: Embattled Blues Player/Coach John Markovski faces another game with limited troops

Above left: Kingston celebrates an earlier victory but it seems like it's been a while now



FORM TABLE Past 8 weeks

Fawkner-Whittlesea						
	matches	won	draw	lost	goals	points
home	8	4	0	4	18 - 21	12
away	8	3	1	4	10 - 14	10
total	16	7	1	8	28 - 35	22
Sunshine Georgies						
	matches	won	draw	lost	goals	points
home	8	5	1	2	11 - 8	16
away	8	1	3	4	11 - 17	6
total	16	6	4	6	22 - 25	22

MONDAY MATCH STATS

Recent form HOME ER L-W-L-L
Recent form AWAY FP W-D-L-W L-L-L-L

Next info is based on last 50 matches

Home win	43%	22%
Home draw	26%	30%
Home lost	30%	48%
Home goals	1.3 PM	1.04 PM
Away win	26%	26%
Away draw	30%	13%
Away lost	43%	61%
Away goals	1 PM	0.83 PM

Past matches

Apr 01, 2006 Vodafone Cup Frankston Essendon 0 - 1
Aug 15, 2005 VPL Essendon Frankston 3 - 0
May 07, 2005 VPL Frankston Essendon 0 - 1

Leading Goalscorers:

David Pilic (ER) - 4 Goals
Henry Fa'Arodo (ER) 3 Goals
Cameron Leopold (FP) 2 Goals

PM = Per Match



MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

FAWKNER-WHITTLESEA

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KINGSTON CITY

MONDAY 31ST JULY

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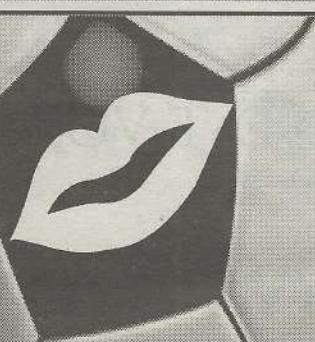
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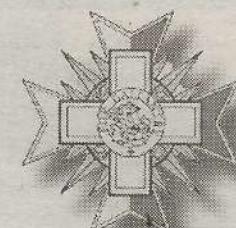
VODAFONE CUP

Round 22



SEASON HANGS IN THE BALANCE

THE CRUNCH TIMES CONTINUE FOR ZEBRAS AND GEORGIES



Bulleen Zebras vs Sunshine Georgies

Time is running out for both Bulleen and Sunshine to save their respective seasons, and with so much on the line it will be a desperate battle for points at the Veneto Club on Monday night. Bulleen's injury crisis is starting to take its toll on the Zebras season, and top six hopes look all but gone. The senior names missing from the Zebras side almost make a squad of their own; Tramontana, Celeski, Diaco, Drakos and Bell are all unlikely to play. The club has turned to youngsters in an attempt to resurrect its fortunes. The future of Bulleen will be on show tonight, with the likes of Dean Piemonte, Mark McGough, Damian Greco, Adam Fadijevic and Peter Kotsopoulos, all teenagers, in the mix to feature against the Georgies. And with Daniel Miller and Hamlet Armenian in competition for a birth as starting striker, it's likely that as many as 7 players under the age of 21 could appear for the Zebras. But the fans need not despair at the lack of experience currently in the team, coach Michael Michalakopoulos should know the capabilities of his youngsters better than most other coaches know theirs, given he is on the exclusive list of head coaches yet to be axed this season.

With a goal difference of negative seven, and Altona, South and Oakleigh all still to play be-

fore the home & away season is complete, the Zebras will be doing it the hard way if they can make the top six. Three points tonight should ensure the Zebras don't fall into the relegation mix during their difficult run home, which brings us to Sunshine. The Georgies will start the night looking for three points to haul themselves off the bottom of the table, and haul the Zebras right back into the relegation quagmire. Turning around just a five day break until their classic "relegation six pointer" at home to Frankston in Round 23, Sunshine might not dip in as hard as one would expect a desperate relegation-threatened side too. Yes, every point in this league is crucial, but with a run home including mid-table sides such as Green Gully and Fawkner-Whittlesea, Sunshine will want to leave the Veneto Club with no suspensions, a clean bill of health, and maybe a draw.

Bulleen know that the Vodafone Cup can be a slippery slope, and with top teams awaiting them in the run home, the Zebras should take the points tonight, and secure their status as a Vodafone Cup side next season.

By Teo Pellizzeri
Photos by Daniel Flis

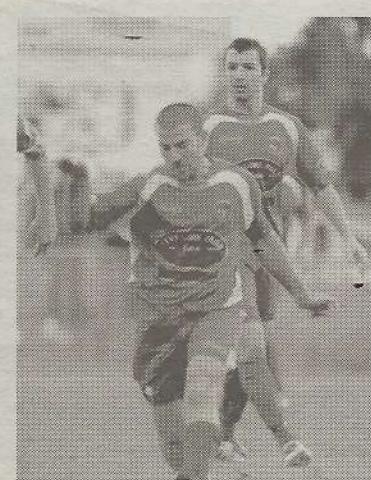


Micahel Michalakopoulos
Coach, Bulleen Zebras:

It will be another Finals type of match for us. We need to try and pull away from the bottom half and stay in touch with the top six. It's a very big match for us against a team who will be scrapping for points for their own reasons. We have to get our mindset right and keep our concentration. We're looking forward to having Ricky Diaco back after 10 weeks and it's a game we need to take.

Fab Incantalupo
Asst Coach, Sunshine Georgies:

There's five games to go and there's still fifteen points up for grabs. We know that the next two games against Bulleen and Frankston are very important to us. We need to fight, be determined and show commitment to turn things around. It's all pretty tight and I believe it will probably go to the last game of the season, but hopefully against Bulleen we can start getting the points on board.



Left: Georgies captain Manny Muscat during last week's loss against Oakleigh
Above left: Trusty Zebra Ross Antoniadis against the Knights last week

FORM TABLE Past 8 weeks

Bulleen Zebras

	matches	won	draw	lost	goals	points
home	8	4	2	2	9 - 6	14
away	8	1	2	5	6 - 14	5
total	16	5	4	7	15 - 20	19

Sunshine Georgies

	matches	won	draw	lost	goals	points
home	8	3	3	2	10 - 10	12
away	8	1	1	6	8 - 15	4
total	16	4	4	8	18 - 25	16

MONDAY MATCH STATS

Recent form HOME BZ SG
Recent form AWAY L-W-L-W L-L-W-D
Next info is based on last 50 matches

Home win 42% 38%
Home draw 33% 33%
Home lost 25% 29%
Home goals 1,13 PM 1,46 PM
Away win 13% 9%
Away draw 30% 13%
Away lost 57% 78%
Away goals 0.7 PM 0.78 PM

Past matches
Apr 09, 2006 Vodafone Cup Sunshine G Bulleen 0 - 0
Jul 23, 2005 VPL Sunshine G Bulleen 1 - 1
Apr 18, 2005 VPL Bulleen Sunshine G 2 - 0

Leading Goalscorers: Ben Harbinson (BZ) - 7 Goals
Fidell Richards (SG) 6 Goals

PM = Per Match



MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

BULLEEN ZEBRAS

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SUNSHINE GEORGIES

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STATE LEAGUES



Seniors

NORTH WEST 2

Reserves

Yarraville Glory 5 (M Toll 2, S Koumi, J Lazaridis, G Iedem) Maribymong Greens 1 (P Bosio) (HT: 0-0), Pascoe Vale 0 Williamstown 0 (HT: 0-0), Keilor Park 3 (A El Dib, S Mussel, A Galea) Banyule City 1 (B Zarogianis) (HT: 1-0), Moreland City 1 (T Carson) Westgate 4 (D Murdaca 3, R Trajanovski) (HT: 0-1), Thomastown Devils 0 Altona City 1 (J Dossis) (HT: 0-1), Lalor United 0 Westgate 0 (HT: 0-0)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Westgate FC	16	12	2	3	28	16	38
Altona City SC	17	10	3	4	19	12	33
Keilor Park SC	17	9	5	3	27	19	32
Williamstown SC	17	9	3	5	28	18	30
Pascoe Vale SC	18	8	5	3	23	10	29
Lalor United SC	16	7	5	4	19	13	26
Yarraville Glory FC	16	5	6	5	19	22	21
Maribymong Greens SC	15	4	4	7	14	25	16
Thomastown Devils SC	16	3	5	8	15	24	14
Banyule City SC	17	3	3	11	23	34	12
Westgate SC	17	3	2	2	12	19	38
Moreland City SC	16	2	3	11	11	24	9

Yarraville Glory 1 Maribymong Greens 4, Pascoe Vale 2 Williamstown 3, Keilor Park 4 Banyule City 0, Moreland City 2 Westgate 1, Thomastown Devils 2 Altona City 2, Lalor United 3 Westgate 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Moreland City SC	17	11	5	1	49	13	38
Thomastown Devils SC	17	9	6	2	35	17	33
Keilor Park SC	17	8	8	1	38	14	32
Lalor United SC	16	9	3	4	35	25	30
Pascoe Vale SC	16	7	6	3	21	17	27
Westgate SC	16	7	4	5	28	29	25
Altona City SC	16	6	6	4	28	17	24
Yarraville Glory SC	17	5	4	8	28	40	19
Maribymong Greens SC	16	4	2	10	14	44	14
Thomastown Devils SC	16	3	5	8	15	24	16
Banyule City SC	17	3	3	11	23	34	12
Westgate SC	17	3	2	12	19	38	11
Moreland City SC	16	2	3	11	11	24	9

Seniors

NORTH WEST 3

Reserves

Albion Rovers 2 (A Suljic, O Fehmi) Lalor 1 (S Arico) (HT: 2-0), Geelong Rangers 2 (T Hardy 2) Western Eagles 1 (M Siodzka) (HT: 1-1), Werribee City 4 (S Panbianco, A Boras 3) Sunbury United 3 (I lerardo 2, J Lejcek) (HT: 1-2), North Sunshine Eagles 3 (G Musia, D Huseyn) Corio 0 (HT: 2-0), Sydenham Park 0 Geelong 0 (HT: 0-0), Ballarat Soccer Club 3 (J Romein, S Digirolamo) La Trobe University 2 (L Lidestri 2) (HT: 0-0)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Werribee City SC	17	15	2	0	46	9	47
Sunbury United SC	17	14	1	2	45	19	43
Albion Rovers SC	17	7	1	4	42	28	27
Geelong Rangers SC	17	3	7	3	28	24	24
Corio SC	17	3	7	2	27	29	24
Lalor SC	16	5	3	2	28	24	21
Sydenham Park SC	17	6	3	8	23	36	21
La Trobe University SC	17	6	2	9	34	43	20
Ballarat Soccer Club	17	5	4	8	19	32	19
Geelong SC	17	5	3	9	25	28	18
North Sunshine Eagles SC	16	4	1	11	25	39	13
Western Eagles SC	17	3	1	13	11	40	10

Albion Rovers 1 Lalor 4, Geelong Rangers 1 Western Eagles 1, Werribee City 1 Sunbury United 4, North Sunshine Eagles 4 Corio 0, Sydenham Park 3 Geelong 0, Ballarat Soccer Club 1 La Trobe University 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lalor SC	16	11	4	1	37	11	37
Sunbury United SC	17	11	1	5	45	25	34
Albion Rovers SC	17	11	1	5	39	24	34
Geelong Rangers SC	17	9	5	3	40	23	32
Corio SC	17	3	7	2	27	29	28
Lalor SC	16	5	3	2	28	24	21
Sydenham Park SC	17	6	3	8	23	36	21
La Trobe University SC	17	8	4	5	35	27	28
Ballarat Soccer Club	17	5	4	8	19	32	19
Geelong SC	17	5	4	8	28	38	16
North Sunshine Eagles SC	15	5	1	9	23	33	16
Corio SC	16	4	4	8	21	33	16
Werribee City SC	17	5	1	11	18	40	16
Western Eagles SC	15	1	2	12	9	28	5

Albion Rovers 1 Lalor 4, Geelong Rangers 1 Western Eagles 1, Werribee City 1 Sunbury United 4, North Sunshine Eagles 4 Corio 0, Sydenham Park 3 Geelong 0, Ballarat Soccer Club 1 La Trobe University 1

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Werribee City SC	17	15	2	0	46	9	47
Sunbury United SC	17	14	1	2	45	19	43
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Geelong SC	17	5	4	8	28	38	16
North Sunshine Eagles SC	15	5	1	9	23	33	16
Corio SC	16	4	4	8	21	33	16
Werribee City SC	17	5	1	11	18	40	16
Western Eagles SC	15	1	2	12	9	28	5

Seniors

PROVI 1 NORTH WEST

Reserves

Melbourne City 1 Hoppers Crossing 4 (R Nedelkov 4) (HT: 0-2), Glenroy 4 (A Kranjicovic, R Kozul, T Surace 2) Mill Park 0 (HT: 1-0), Avondale Heights 0 Plenty Valley Lions 0 (HT: 0-0), Darebin United 0 Melbourne University Rangers 3 (King, J Brochet 2) (HT: 0-1), Hume United 8 (T Sumbal 2, J Barrientos, C Erdem, N Radecik) Brimbank 0 (HT: 4-0), Elwood City 1 (T Harry) Laverton Park 0 (HT: 0-1)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Plenty Valley Lions FC	17	11	3	3	28	15	36
Laverton Park SC	17	10	3	4	34	28	34
Hume United SC	16	9	4	3	45	15	31
Melbourne Uni Rangers SC	17	9	3	5	34	19	30
Avondale Heights SC	15	8	2	3	28	25	29
Elwood City SC	17	9	2	3	32	22	29
Glenroy SC	16	8	4	2	42	17	28
Hoppers Crossing SC	17	8	3	6	44	30	27
Darebin United SC	17	5	4	8			



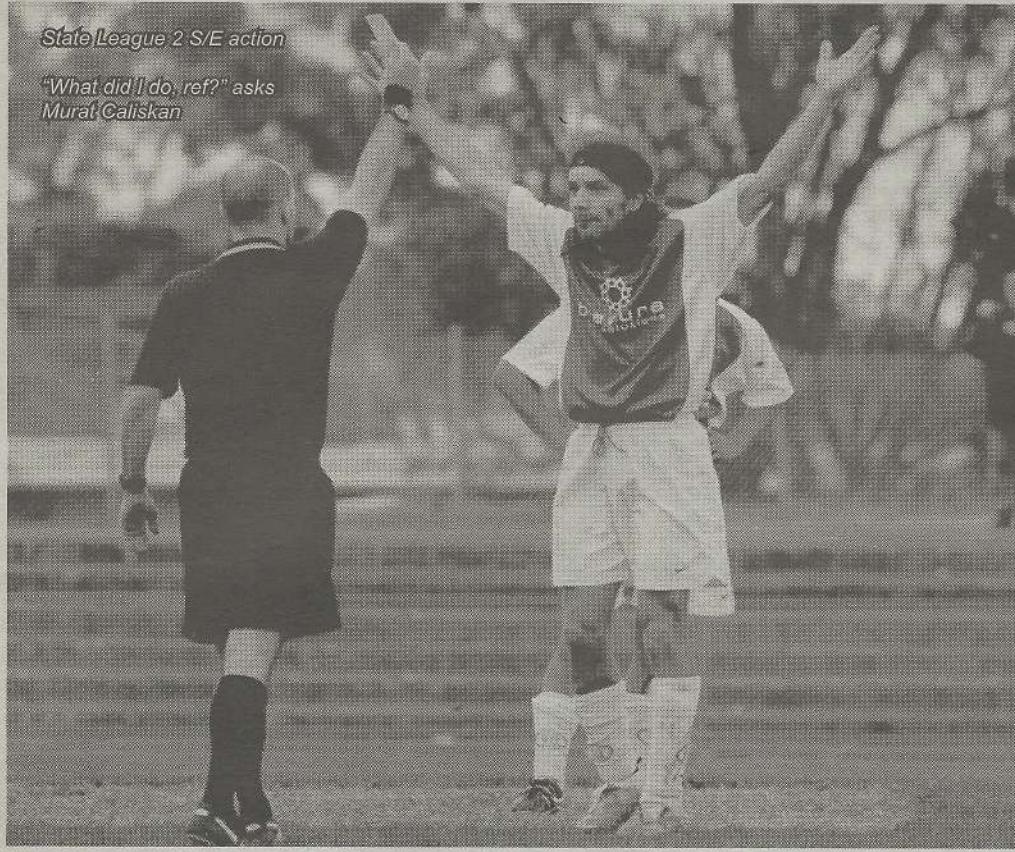
STATE LEAGUE ONE

Round 17



SUBURBS IN A CANTER!

State League 2 S/E action

"What did I do, ref?" asks Murat Caliskan

Division One moved into Round Seventeen this past weekend with another round that takes us closer to knowing who will take the vital two promotion spots and entry into the Vodafone Cup for 2007.

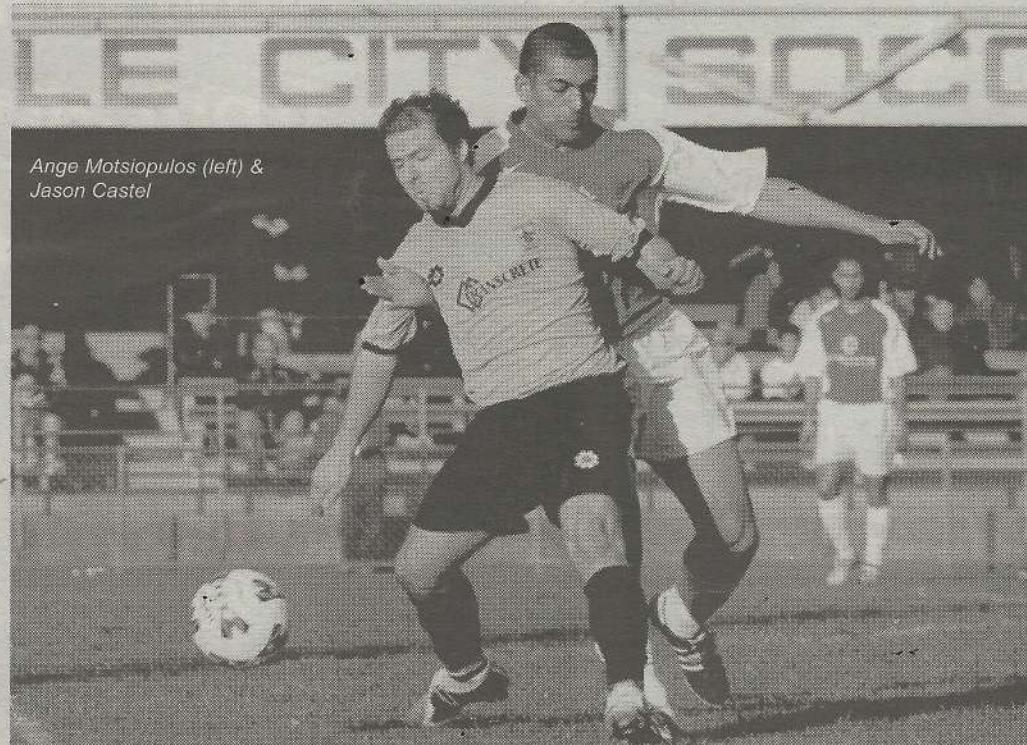
The action started on Saturday down the Princess Highway in Lara as North Geelong welcomed the Dandenong Thunder to Elcho Park. It was billed as a game both sides hoped would get them back amongst the hunt for the top two spots. The game started well enough for the home side as David Cervinski fired them into a half time lead, but the Thunder replied with a second half goal to leave the final score at a goal a piece.

The result wasn't exactly what the North Geelong side needed, but at least they got a point out of the game, which now keeps them four points away from the top two and a game clear of St Albans, with a game in hand.

The Thunder are now three points away from the bottom three and if they don't start getting some results could find themselves dragged into the relegation scrap.

Sunday saw the remainder of the games in the round completed with North Coburg, thanks to a single goal from Bosin Garcevski, continuing its recent amazing run of form that has seen it go from relegation candidates to mid table safety. Their victims on the weekend were the very disappointing Brunswick City, who in my opinion have been the biggest dis-

appointment of the past two seasons. They flattered to deceive early in both seasons before dying off to finish disappointingly mid table.



STATE ONE SENIORS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Western Suburbs SC	17	10	5	2	29	14	35
Springvale White Eagles SC	17	9	5	3	23	16	32
North Geelong Warriors SC	16	7	6	3	34	27	27
Langwarrin SC	17	6	8	3	29	18	26
St. Albans Saints SC	17	6	7	4	21	15	25
North Coburg United SC	16	6	6	4	24	15	24
Port Melbourne Sharks SC	17	5	6	6	23	28	21
Brunswick City SC	17	5	3	9	25	35	18
Dandenong Thunder SC	17	4	5	8	19	28	17
Bentleigh Greens SC	17	3	6	8	19	24	15
Northcote City SC	17	3	5	9	13	24	14
Altona East Phoenix SC	17	2	8	7	11	26	14

North Geelong Warriors 1
(D Cervinski)
Dandenong Thunder 1
(HT: 1-0),

North Coburg United 1
(B Gorcevski)
Brunswick City 0
(HT: 1-0),

Bentleigh Greens 1
(M Lujic)
Langwarrin 2
(C Nicholes 2) (HT: 0-1),

Northcote City 1
(G Papadopoulos)
Port Melbourne 1
(M Pino) (HT: 0-1),

St. Albans Saints 1
(I Filipovic)
Springvale White Eagles 1
(N Papadopoulos) (HT: 1-1),

Western Suburbs 5
(Z Cvetkovski, L Rizzo, T Neceski 2)
Altona East Phoenix 0 (HT: 2-0)

STATE ONE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Western Suburbs SC	17	12	2	3	46	18	38
Springvale White Eagles SC	17	10	5	2	42	20	35
Langwarrin SC	16	9	6	1	38	19	33
Brunswick City SC	16	10	3	3	31	24	33
Dandenong Thunder SC	17	10	0	7	38	21	30
Northcote City SC	16	9	2	5	35	24	29
Bentleigh Greens SC	17	4	6	7	25	35	18
North Coburg United SC	15	4	1	10	17	36	13
Port Melbourne Sharks SC	16	3	3	10	24	40	12
Altona East Phoenix SC	17	2	6	9	13	34	12
North Geelong Warriors SC	16	3	2	11	18	35	11
St. Albans Saints SC	16	3	2	11	17	38	11

North Geelong 0
Dandenong Thunder 2,
North Coburg United 0
Brunswick City 1,
Bentleigh Greens 1
Langwarrin 1,
Northcote City 3
Port Melbourne 1,
St. Albans Saints 0
Springvale Eagles 3,
Western Suburbs 4
Altona East Phoenix 0

ROUND EIGHTEEN FIXTURES

SPRINGVALE WHITE EAGLES

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PORT MELBOURNE

v

NORTH GEELONG WARRIORSSS Anderson Reserve,
Port Melbourne MEL: 56 K1

Friday 4th August

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DANDENONG THUNDER

v

NORTH COBURG UNITEDGeorge Andrews Reserve,
Dandenong Mel: 90 D11
Saturday 5th August
KO 3pm**LANGWARRIN**

v

BRUNSWICK CITYLawton Park Reserve,
Baxter MEL: 107 F1
Saturday 5th August
KO 3pm**ALTONA EAST PHOENIX**

v

ST ALBANS SAINTSPaisley Park Reserve,
Altona MEL: 55 C5
Sunday 6th August
KO 3pm**BENTLEIGH GREENS**

v

WESTERN SUBURBSKingston Heath Soccer Complex,
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2006/2007 A-League Pre-Season Cup



Jets And Roar Split The Points

Qld Roar



NZ Knights

The Newcastle Jets and Queensland Roar have fought out a 0-0 draw in their Pre-Season Cup clash at Port Macquarie Regional Sports Stadium. Both sides are still yet to register a win in the Hyundai A-League Pre-Season Cup, after neither could find the back of the net despite some flashes of enterprising play.

Former Jets goalkeeper Liam Reddy and striker Ante Milicic started for the Roar against their former club for the first time but while Reddy came up with some vital saves the pair couldn't find the winning edge over their old team-mates.

The two sides went into the game with identical records after both drawing 1-1 with the New Zealand Knights and going down 2-1 to Sydney FC, to share bottom spot in group B.

There were some physical exchanges but few genuine scoring chances in the early stages, with tough tackles from Queensland's Joshua McCoughan and Newcastle's Vaughan Coveny.

Queensland's first attempt on goal came from a direct Spase Dilevski free kick, but Jets goalkeeper Ben

Kennedy was up to the task and took the ball comfortably.

Kennedy was in the action once more when Hyuk-Su Seo sent a fierce low drive in his direction, but the 'keeper again showed good hands.

The Roar kept up the pressure with striker Steve Fitzsimmons running into space on the edge of the box, but Jade North came up with a faultless tackle to nullify the danger.

The tide began to shift as Newcastle went on the attack, left winger Jobe Wheelhouse crashing in a fierce 35th-minute shot towards goal that was parried away by Reddy.

Queensland captain Chad Gibson received the first yellow card of the game with a challenge from behind on Vaughan Coveny.

Reddy came up with another, better, save when Jets playmaker Nick Carle cut in from the right, slid between two defenders and fired an attempt towards the top-right corner.

Matt Thompson had a terrific chance to open the scoring in the opening minutes of the second half when he received a low cross from Wheelhouse in the centre of the area, but the midfielder mistimed his left-foot volley and sent a weak shot wide.

Milicic then went close at the other end of the park, latching on to a long ball and rounding an onrushing Kennedy before being closed down by excellent cover tackles from North and right-back Labinot Haliti.

Dilevski had another free kick from directly in front of



goal and on the edge of the box, but he ballooned his shot over the bar.

Wheelhouse, Seo and Carle all received cards as the pace lifted in the dying stages, and after Mark Bridge and then North both failed to clinch a winner after dribbling their way into the Roar's area in the final moments, the sides had to settle for a goalless draw.

Newcastle United Jets 0

Queensland Roar 0

Crowd: 2822 at Port Macquarie Regional Sports Stadium.

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Knights draw Sydney

NZ Knights



Sydney FC

The New Zealand Knights continue to show signs that they have improved vastly from last season, holding inaugural Hyundai A-League champion Sydney FC 0-0 in an entertaining encounter at North Harbour Stadium, Albany, on Saturday.

It was the third consecutive draw for the new-look Knights, while it was the first time Sydney had dropped points in this season's Hyundai A-League Pre-Season Cup.

Terry Butcher welcomed back skipper Mark Rudan to his side, which once again had the experienced duo of Sasho Petrovski and Steve Corica on the bench.

Paul Nevin named a largely predictable line-up, without the services of the experienced trio Che Bunce, Neil Embden and Scot Gemmill, all out injured. Danny Milosevic started in goal for the first time with Michael Turnbull pulling up limp in the warm-up.

Despite the scoreline, both sides had opportunities to break the deadlock in a mostly open and good spirited match in front of 3121 fans.

The Knights' Portuguese striker Dani Rodrigues was presented with the first opportunity to break the game wide open in just the fourth minute when he broke free inside the box.

Rodrigues' volley chipped Clint Bolton but much to the Sydney goalkeeper's relief, the shot struck the post and bounced safely away.

This was the best chance of the first half for either side, but both teams showed great endeavour in pushing forward.

Robbie Middleby and David Carney on the Sydney flanks were a constant menace to the Knights' defence while Noah Hickey and Malik Buari were a threat for the home side.

Rodrigues was lively up front for the Knights, with every of the striker's touches greeted with applause from the home fans.

Sydney's best opportunity of the half came in the 27th minute when Carney was released on the edge of the area.

But Carney's hesitation was vital as Frank van Eijns and

Milosevic closed down Carney's through ball to the hard-working David Zdrilic.

The Knights made a bright start to the second half and could have taken the lead, if a team-mate had met skipper Darren Bazeley's inviting cross.

Buari then darted into the area just two minutes later, but his cut-back was cleared for a corner.

Buari's delivery from the corner was of a high standard and Sydney only just managed to scramble and clear the danger.

The Knights' continued to have the better of the play for much of the second half with Rodrigues, Noah Hickey and the improving Jonti Richter involved heavily.

Hickey was on the end of some good crosses from Richter and Rodrigues but was unable to convert the chances with Bolton commanding in his area.

Sydney then began to gain the ascendancy and in the 75th minute Alex Brosque was presented with an opportunity to score the winner, but his side-footed effort hit the post despite the open goal.

Carney had another opportunity to secure the three points for the visitors in the 85th minute, but the outstretched Milosevic was able to parry his effort wide.

Substitute Steve Devine had one last chance to steal the win in stoppage time, but his effort was kept out by Bolton.

New Zealand Knights 0

Sydney FC 0

Attendance: 3121

Referee: Peter O'Leary



Adelaide Holds Glory

Perth Glory



Adelaide Utd

Perth Glory and Adelaide United have fought out an entertaining 0-0 draw in round three of the Hyundai A-League Pre-Season Cup at Dorrien Gardens on Sunday.

In Ron Smith's first game in charge of the Glory, both sides created plenty of chances throughout the afternoon but just lacked the finishing touches in a match that also marked the highly-anticipated debut of Qantas Socceroo Stan Lazaridis.

The inclusion of Lazaridis was a huge boost for Perth, who was without Jamie Coyne (abdomen), Simon Colosimo (knee), Jeremy Christie (knee) and Jason Petkovic (ankle), while Adelaide was also without the services of a number of key players, including Shengqiang Qu, who is yet to arrive in Australia.

The draw leaves Adelaide two points behind ladder-leader Central Coast in group A, while Perth remains in third spot with two draws to its name.

After a tentative start by both sides, the tempo was lifted and Perth took control of the early going with Leo Bertos wreaking havoc down the right wing.

Adrian Webster found himself

in the open outside Adelaide's box in the 19th minute and fired in a powerful shot, but the ball flew just wide of United keeper Robert Bajic's right goal post.

The visitors created a good chance in the 25th minute when Carl Veart found himself with possession of the ball after a goal-mouth scramble, but his rushed shot could not find its way through a number of defenders and was deflected well over the crossbar.

Adelaide's Matthew Kemp was celebrating seven minutes later after 17-year-old Perth keeper Aleks Vrteski fumbled a long-range shot from Travis Dodd and Kemp tapped in the ensuing crumb but offside had been called.

Lazaridis was in the thick of the action late in the half and sent in a number of good crosses, but it was to no avail.

United came out fired up after the break and almost went ahead in the 55th minute when Jason Spagnuolo's corner kick took a number of deflections before hitting the crossbar.

Two minutes later, Adelaide coach John Kosmina flagged his attacking intentions by bringing on striker Nathan Burns, and the 18-year-old should have scored with his first touch after a well-timed run into the box left him one-on-one with the keeper, but his right-foot shot was easily saved by Vrteski.

The game had opened up and opportunities were presenting for both sides, and David Micevski had his thunderbolt strike from 25 metres out parried over the bar by Bajic.

Lazaridis was given a rousing reception by the 3,038 crowd when he was taken off in the 72nd minute and was replaced by veteran Bobby Despotovski.

Adelaide made some late attacking thrusts in a bid to win the game, but the Glory's defence held firm until the final whistle.

Perth Glory 0

Adelaide United 0

Crowd: 3038 at Dorrien Gardens, West Perth

LADDER

GROUP A

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1. Central Coast Mariners FC	3	2	1	0	5	2	3	7
2. Adelaide United FC	3	1	2	0	1	0	1	5
3. Perth Glory FC	3	0	2	1	2	3	-1	2
4. Melbourne Victory FC	3	0	1	2	2	5	-3	1

GROUP B

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1. Sydney FC	3	2	1	0	4	2	2	7
2. New Zealand Knights FC	3	0	3	0	2	2	0	3
3. Newcastle Jets FC	3	0	2	1	2	3	-1	2
4. Queensland Roar FC	3	0	2	1	2	3	-1	2



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MATILDAS QUALIFY FOR 2006 AFC WOMEN'S ASIAN CUP

Matildas celebrate after securing their place in the Semi-Final at Adelaide's

Aussie Matildas



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WEEKLY

MATILDAS QUALIFY FOR WORLD CUP

The Qantas Matildas completed a smooth transition into the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) by qualifying for the 2007 FIFA Women's Cup with a 2-0 win over Japan. The 2-0 victory has ensured the team will finish as one of the two automatic Asian representatives at the tournament to be held in China mid-next year.

First half goals from Caitlin Munoz and Joanne Peters sealed the win, although a superb defensive display in the second half also played a major role in the success.

The win also makes the Qantas Matildas the first Australian team to make the final of an Asian Football Confederation tournament, following Australia's entry into the AFC on January 1 this year.

The team will now have the chance to make further history and become the first Australian team to win an Asian tournament in Sunday's final against China.

Tonight's result continuing a run of crucial victories over Japan with the Qantas Socceroos famously coming from behind to win in Kaiserslautern at the FIFA World Cup in Germany last month. Similarly the Qantas Young Matildas also qualified for the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup with a last-ditch 3-2 over Japan in Malaysia in April. That match also featuring two heroes from tonight in midfielders Sally Shipard and Collette McCallum, while other Young Matildas Leah Blayney, Kylie Ledbrook and Lydia Williams remained on the bench.

Australia started the match in perfect fashion and following a failed clearance by Japan, Shipard drove the ball into the far post where Munoz steered the ball into the net.

Japan turned up the heat and created a number of openings with most notably Shinobu Ohno steering a near point-blank header towards goalkeeper Melissa Barbieri that ricocheted narrowly wide of the post.

The match swung from end to end with both teams looking dangerous on the counter attack. Australia's pacy forward duo combined in one such instance with Munoz playing a sublime ball behind the defence for Sarah Walsh but the angled shot failed to trouble the keeper.

Similarly Japan broke on a sweeping move downfield but Yuki Nagasato blazed over with Barbieri exposed.

The crucial second goal was perfectly timing coming on the stroke of half time. A typically inch-perfect corner was whipped in from the left by Heather Garriock and Japanese goalkeeper Hiromi Isozaki spilled the ball under pressure with Peters hitting the back of the net from close range.

On the hour mark Australia went close to putting the match out of Japan's reach with Shipard twice coming close to scoring in a matter of moments. The Qantas Young Matildas captain sprinting the length of the field as Walsh broke dangerously down the left with a fine run and cross that skimmed past the head of Shipard. Munoz then picked up the ball on the right side and crossed for Shipard who directed the ball agonizingly wide of the post.

Japan increased the attacking raids as they became more desperate with Ohno firing in a good shot from 20 metres but



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The successful Australian women's football team celebrates after defeating Japan 2-0 and qualifying for the 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup.

Barbieri continued her good form with a solid take.

The Australian defence lead by captain Cheryl Salisbury remained rock solid throughout the match with Rhian Davies, Heather Garriock, Thea Slatyer and substitute Kate McShea providing impressive support. Regular defender Dianne Alagich played in front of the defence and clearly made a significant defensive contribution to help ensure another cleansheet for Australia. Aside from the two-match tour of China last month, Australia have now conceded just one goal in 12 international matches dating back to a scoreless draw against the USA last October.

"I don't think I've ever been as proud of a team as I am of this team tonight," said Qantas Matildas coach Tom Sermanni.

"I just thought the character and discipline of the players and the way we defended was unbelievable."

"The effect this will have on our team is enormous, because they'll now have belief that they can win against teams ranked higher, teams that are technically among the best, yet look like they belong."

Next year will be the Qantas Matildas fourth consecutive FIFA Women's World Cup appearance following previous tournaments in 1995, 1999 and 2003 with Australia having previously qualified through Oceania where one automatic berth was on offer.

China, who qualifies automatically for the FIFA Women's World Cup as host nation, defeated DPR Korea 1-0 in the second semi final. DPR Korea will now meet Japan on Sunday in the play-off for third place with the winner to qualify for the FIFA Women's World Cup and the loser to play-off against a CONCACAF representative.

AUSTRALIA 2 (Caitlin Munoz 9', Joanne Peters 45')

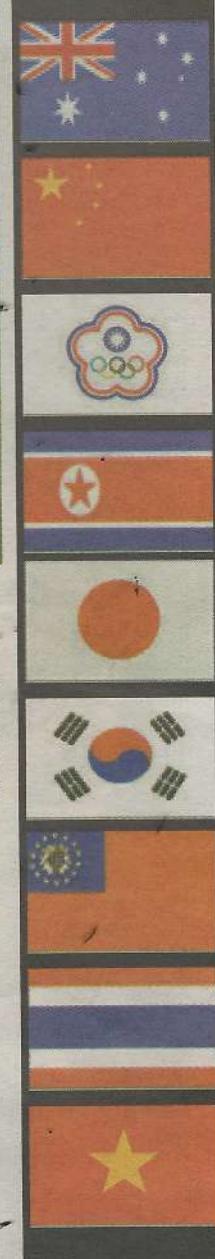
JAPAN 0

Australian line-up: Melissa Barbieri (gk); Cheryl Salisbury (c), Rhian Davies, Heather Garriock, Thea Slatyer (Kate McShea 61'); Dianne Alagich, Joanne Peters, Collette McCallum (Alicia Ferguson 83'), Sally Shipard; Caitlin Munoz, Sarah Walsh (Lisa De Vanna 75')

Cautions: De Vanna 81'

Referee: Jenny Palmquist (Sweden)

Attendance: 1150



Sermanni Proud Of Matildas



Matildas coach Tom Sermanni has labelled Australia's win over Japan in the semi-final of the AFC Women's Asian Cup, as the most significant and satisfying of his coaching career.

The win, not only lifted Australia into the final of the tournament, but more significantly gave them an automatic spot in next year's Women's World Cup to be played in China.

"It's probably been the most significant win that I have been involved in as a coach and it's probably the proudest I have ever felt of a team that I have coached," Sermanni said from Adelaide today. "The way the whole team has been about this tournament, culminating in the result last night, it was the most satisfying football night and result that I have had as a coach."

While the team spent a relaxing recovery session in the pool, Sermanni was trying to come down from the clouds after the 2-0 win.

"I think it's a feeling of fatigue, relief and I think delight at what we've achieved," he said reflecting on the win. "From a personal point of view, there is a great deal of pride for the players, because I think it was enormous achievement and a fantastic performance last night."

"We had a fairly boisterous celebration in the dressing room after the game as you could imagine. The play-

ers were just absolutely ecstatic, but by the time we got back to the hotel, I think everybody was just too tired to party."

"They didn't need to do much subduing."

Sermanni has no doubts what was the critical moment of last night's match that earned Australia victory, but he also had praise for his defence which has yet to concede a goal in the tournament.

"I think the critical point of the game was the second goal right on half time, which meant the Japanese had to really come out and throw caution to the wind and really chase the game in the second half."

"Defence is the foundation of the team. I think we have only conceded 2 goals in our last 14 'A' Internationals. I think it's a pride thing as well, where we are now on this run and that we don't give up goals. It's a bit like habits, when you get into a winning habit you tend to win games that are tight; you get into habits of not conceding goals; you tend to do things that make it difficult for the opposition to score goals and even when you are really getting stretched, somebody manages to get a leg in the way, a head in the way, or part of their body in the way to save things and we've been doing that consistently for several games now."

In what is a fairly strange situation, going into a major tournament, Sermanni now feels the pressure is off a little going into the final.

"We've achieved our main objective, which was to get to the World Cup finals."

"We are not going into the final with the pressure of having to win the final, but we are certainly going in there now in the frame of mind that we are on a run here and we don't want to give up anything easily."

"It's a major tournament, it's the first major final that I think the Matildas have ever been in and we want to actually win the tournament. We're here now, we are in the final and we certainly don't want to go in there, just saying 'this game doesn't matter a great deal', because it matters a great deal."

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GROUP A

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Japan	3	3	0	0	17	1	9
China	3	2	0	1	4	1	6
Vietnam	3	1	0	2	-1	7	3
Chinese Taipei	3	0	0	3	1	14	0

GROUP B

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Korea DPR	4	3	1	0	13	0	10
Australia	4	3	1	0	11	0	10
Korea Rep	4	2	0	2	14	6	6
Thailand	4	1	0	3	2	26	3
Myanmar	4	0	0	4	2	10	0

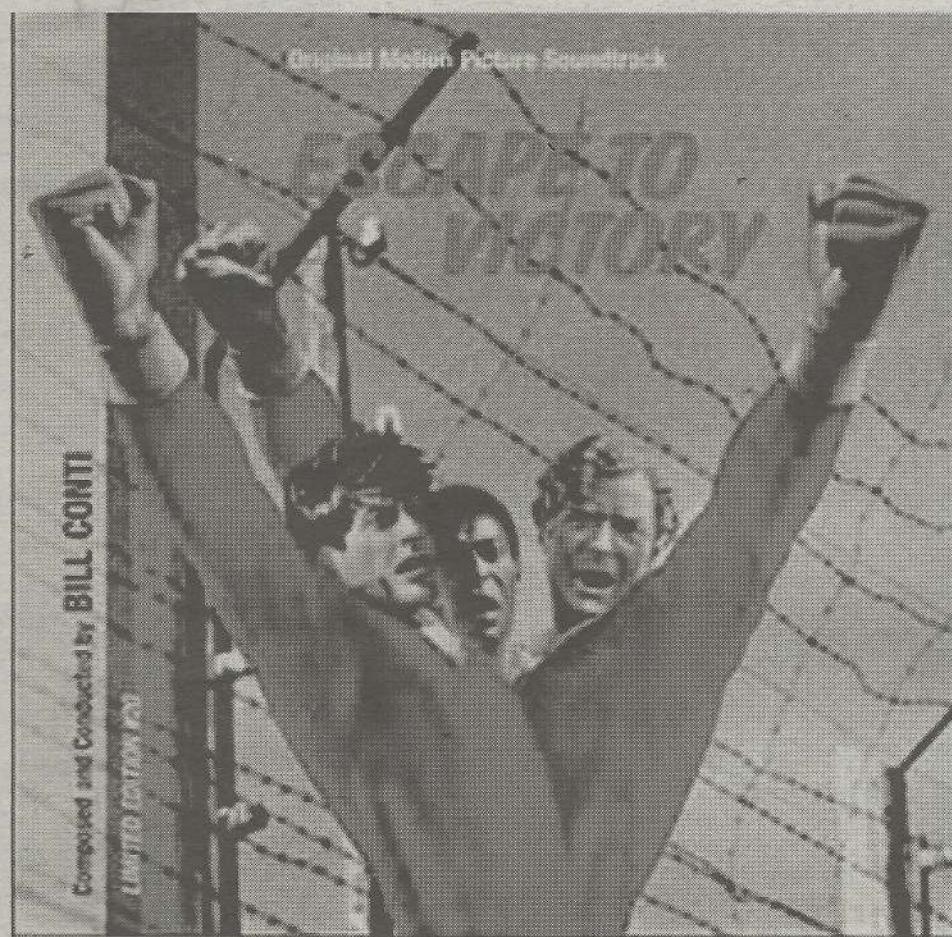
GROUP B RESULTS

1	16 Jul 06	Hindmarsh Stadium	1200	Myanmar	1 - 2	Thailand
2	16 Jul 06	Hindmarsh Stadium	1430	Australia	4 - 0	Korea Republic
3	18 Jul 06	Hindmarsh Stadium	1200	Thailand	0 - 9	DPR Korea
4	18 Jul 06	Hindmarsh Stadium	1430	Myanmar	0 - 2	Australia
5	20 Jul 06	Hindmarsh Stadium	1200	DPR Korea	3 - 0	Myanmar
6	20 Jul 06	Hindmarsh Stadium	1430	Korea Rep	11 - 0	Thailand
7	22 Jul 06	Hindmarsh Stadium	1630	Korea Rep	3 - 0	Myanmar
8	22 Jul 06	Hindmarsh Stadium	1900	Australia	0 - 0	DPR Korea
9	24 Jul 06	Marden Stadium	1430	Thailand	0 - 5	Australia
10	24 Jul 06	Hindmarsh	1430	DPR Korea	1 - 0	Korea Republic



BOO'S WORLD

A satirical look at the World of Football according to Mark Boric



Frankston Pines the movie: Playing at a Dromana drive-in near you

Not looking good for Melbourne Victory in the Pre-Season Cup. Time for another trip for Ernie Merrick to Brazil to sign some more players. Under a twenty-man roster I'm sure that Craig Foster would agree that at least ten spots should be occupied by Brazilians. Maybe some A-League officials could accompany Ernie to make it a fact-finding mission, in case they didn't see enough Brazilians

in Germany. Will Katsa's Korner be running a scoreboard on sacked A-League coaches? Though that league is nothing like the Vodafone Cup or State One. The feller that won the Championship got the boot, and the one who coached a side to an embarrassing seventh (of eight) place didn't!

Corruption is pretty rife in Brazil, with Victory



SOCCER SCENE

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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hinting in the media during the week that not greasing palms had delayed the clearance of Alessandro. Note to Melbourne Victory - more Italians and Greeks on board and you would have known how these things work. Controversial!

Two wins in four days for Frankston Pines. Could they soon be whistling the theme from The Great Escape down Monterey Reserve once again? Just when you thought they were going down like Monica Lewinsky.

Guus Hiddink is in trouble with the Dutch tax department. When he's done with the Russian national team, expect him to take over at Spanish mob Majorca when he moves into Christopher Skase's old villa.

Good news for Adelaide United, with Shengqiang Qu re-signing with the club. Even better news, he hasn't jogged into traffic this pre-season, yet.

FoxSports have just signed Simon Hill from SBS for their A League coverage. Does this create a vacancy for one of the Channel 31 crew at SBS?

Australia is in the final of the women's Asian Cup. Up against the Chinese, who probably don't get the first go of the drugs and human growth hormone (that's for the swimmers) so it could be a pretty even contest.

Slowly, the Italian authorities are watering-down the punishments issued to the clubs found guilty in the match-fixing scandal. It could end up like South Melbourne and Preston Lions of 2005, with everyone getting their points back.

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A QUESTION OF SPORT

Q1. Name the three Brazilians who have signed for the Melbourne Victory?

Q2. Ruud van Nistelroy has switched from Manchester United to which famous Spanish giants?

Q3. Which team is the current holders of the A-league Pre-season Cup?

Q4. Who replaced George Katsakis as coach of Kingston City?

Q5. Name the coach that lead Italy to recent World Cup success?

Q6. Who will be in charge of the Socceroos when it takes on Kuwait in the Asian Cup?

Q7. New Sydney FC coach Terry Butcher made his name as a solid defender playing for which English team from East Anglia?

Q8. Who is the new coach of Perth Glory?

Q9. Nick Ward plays for which a-league side?

Q10. Which Serie A club will Marco Bresciano play for this season?

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FOOTBALL FUNNIES

4 surgeons are taking a tea break.

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2nd surgeon says "Nope, librarians are the best. Everything inside them is in alphabetical order."

3rd surgeon says "Well you should try electricians. Everything inside them is colour coded."

4th surgeon says "I prefer Sydney FC fans. They're heartless, spineless, gutless and their heads and a**es are interchangeable."

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Alessandro, Claudio and
Graham Arnold
2. Real Madrid
3. Celta Vigo
4. Kenny Miller
5. Marcelo Lippi
6. Graeme Souness
7. Ipswich Town
8. Ron Smith
9. Peter Gilroy
10. Parma





WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

Round 19



KEILOR, COMETS MAKE FINALS BID



Bendigo keeper Sam Hickman gathers the ball as Sarah Fitzgerald closes in

Keilor Park and Cranbourne Comets emerged from the mid-table congestion to gain the upper hand in the race for the finals in key Round 19 matches in the Vodafone WPL. At the other end of the table, South Melbourne boosted its chances of avoiding the drop with a victory, and there were also wins for Box Hill, Ashburton and Heidelberg.

Sandringham hosted the only match on Saturday, welcoming Keilor Park to Spring St Oval. The encounter

proved more fruitful for the visiting side, which took the three points thanks to a first-half strike from the league's top goalscorer, Melanie Camilleri. The result could be a far reaching one in terms of determining which teams make the finals, as it elevates Keilor into the top five, and demotes Sandringham to seventh. Sandringham, unlike Keilor, does not have the benefit of any games in hand, and is already two points adrift of fifth position. It looks set to go down to the wire, although Keilor look to have a slightly more favourable run in its remaining games.

Cranbourne Comets also enjoyed success over a fellow finals aspirant, defeating Bendigo Vipers by two goals to one to take a firmer hold on the fourth ladder position. With only goal difference between them going into the game, it is hardly surprising that there was nothing to separate the sides at half time, with both teams having scored once. However, it was the home side that was able to break the deadlock after the interval, to claim its ninth victory of the season. Cranbourne remains fourth, but now three points ahead of the two teams immediately below it. Bendigo slips out of the top five and into sixth, still remaining level on points with Keilor, but with an inferior goal difference. Bendigo faces a tough challenge now if it is to make the top five, as it plays two of the top three, plus Keilor, in its remaining matches.

Heidelberg United continued its strong recent run, chalking up its fifth successive victory and inflicting Eastern Lions' biggest defeat of the season in the process. The Lions' previous worst result had been a 5-0 loss against Ashburton, but on Sunday, Heidelberg had already equalled that by halftime. The visitors then added two more goals after the break, with Eastern

Lions unable to find anything in reply. Eastern Lions' third straight defeat means that it remains ninth on the ladder, and despite its poor recent run, the five-point buffer between it and the drop zone should be enough to preserve its WPL status for another season. Heidelberg continues to occupy third position on the ladder, but given that it faces both teams above it before the season's end, it has the ability to still claim one of the top two positions going into the finals.

South Melbourne posted its first victory for two months and gave itself a realistic shot at avoiding relegation with a 3-1 victory over Brimbank at Bob Jane Stadium on Sunday. Two first half goals set up the victory, and although Brimbank pulled one back in the second half, a third just before full time ensured South would take the full points for only the third time this season. Conversely, it would seem that this defeat was the final nail in the coffin for Brimbank, which is now nine points adrift of the safety of tenth place, and with just three games to play, its significant goal difference deficit means that even three clear victories would now not be enough to save it.

Box Hill Inter maintained second spot on the ladder with victory over Preston Lions, its sixteenth of the season. Inter did not, however, find the going easy at BT Connor Reserve, scoring just once in the first half. Two more goals after half-time wrapped up the victory, and ensured that Inter keeps up the pressure on Ashburton as the two sides battle it out for the minor premiership. Preston, after its twelfth defeat of the campaign, remains eighth, still not mathematically out of danger yet, but very unlikely to return to State League One this time around.

Ashburton made short work of Eltham North at Darebin International Sports Centre on Sunday, producing a strong second half performance to claim the three points. The current league leader scored twice in the first half, but it was the addition of a further five unanswered goals in the second period that proved too much for Eltham, which slumped to its second successive heavy defeat. Ashburton continues to head the ladder, leading Box Hill Inter by a point, although having played a game more. Ashburton has a tough remaining three games, with two being against sides looking to make the top five, and the other a crucial match against Heidelberg United. Eltham now finds itself just a point above the relegation zone, and facing three potential finalists in its remaining games.

Round 20 gets underway on Friday night at Wembley Park when Box Hill Inter hosts Brimbank, followed by South Melbourne taking on Sandringham at Bob Jane Stadium on Saturday afternoon. Sunday's fixture pits Cranbourne Comets against Preston Lions at Comets Stadium, while Keilor Park faces Eastern Lions at Keilor Park Reserve. Also on Sunday, Heidelberg United meets Eltham North at Olympic Village, with Ashburton and Bendigo Vipers rounding things off at Ashburton Park.

By Niki Cook
Photos by John Punshon

ROUND TWENTY FIXTURES

BOX HILL

v

BRIMBANK

Wembley Park,
Box Hill Mel: 61 F1
Friday 4th August
KO 8.30pm

SOUTH MELBOURNE

v

SANDRINGHAM

Bob Jane Stadium,
Albert Park MEL: 2K F6
Saturday 5th August
KO 3pm

KEILOR PARK

v

EASTERN LIONS

Keilor Park Reserve,
Keilor Mel: 15 B5
Sunday 6th August
KO 1pm

HEIDELBERG UTD

v

ELTHAM NORTH

Olympic Village,
Heidelberg Mel: 19 D11
Sunday 6th August
KO 1pm

ASHBURTON

v

BENDIGO VIPERS

Ashburton Park,
Asnburton MEL: 60 F9
Sunday 6th August
KO 3pm

CRANBOURNE COMETS

v

PRESTON LIONS

Comets Stadium,
Cranbourne MEL: 133 G6
Sunday 6th August
KO 1pm

Action between Cranbourne and Bendigo



Women's Premier League SENIORS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ashburton	19	16	2	1	81	11	50
Box Hill Inter	18	16	1	1	59	7	49
Heidelberg United	18	15	1	2	75	16	46
Cranbourne Comets WSC	18	9	4	5	39	17	31
Keilor Park WSC	16	9	1	6	53	37	28
Bendigo Vipers WSC	18	9	1	8	37	29	28
Sandringham	18	7	5	6	28	21	26
Preston Lions	18	5	1	12	16	52	16
Eastern Lions	18	4	3	11	14	34	15
Eltham North	17	3	2	12	12	48	11
South Melbourne	19	3	1	15	22	71	10
Brimbank WSC	19	0	2	17	71	00	2

Sandringham 0
Keilor Park 1
(M Camilleri) (HT: 0-1).

Cranbourne Comets 2
(R Lamb, S Fitzgerald)
Bendigo Vipers 1
(J Miller) (HT: 1-1).

Eastern Lions 0
Heidelberg United 7
(H Alatsas, M Archer, M
Frankcombe, S Groenewald, B
Pannella 2) (HT: 0-5).

South Melbourne 3
(L Hodgkin 2, K Floros)
Brimbank 1
(N Vukovic) (HT: 2-0).

Preston Lions 0
Box Hill Inter 3
(D DiGiammarco, B Pacella)
(HT: 0-1).

Eltham North 0
Ashburton 7
(A Totsidis 2, S Erenli 2, A
Gibney 3) (HT: 0-2).

Women's Premier League Reserves

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ashburton	19	18	1	0	110	11	55
Sandringham	19	16	0	3	89	12	48
Cranbourne Comets WSC	19	13	1	5	41	20	40
Bendigo Vipers WSC	17	12	1	4	59	19	37
Keilor Park WSC	18	8	3	7	50	31	27
Box Hill Inter	18	8	2	8	39	28	26
Eltham North	17	6	4	7	40	37	22
Eastern Lions	19	6	4	9	25	37	22
Heidelberg United	17	6	3	8	33	34	21
South Melbourne	19	2	4	13	27	55	10
Preston Lions	18	1	3	14	13	80	6
Brimbank WSC	18	0	0	18	21	64	0

Sandringham 5
Keilor Park 0,

Cranbourne Comets 1
Bendigo Vipers 0,

Eastern Lions 1
Heidelberg United 0,

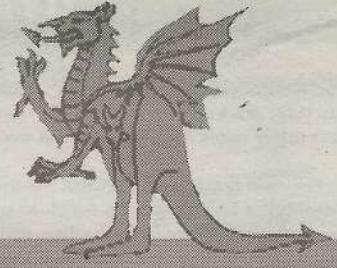
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a pom's home view



The English always add a touch of class and beauty to any World Cup!

When will England win the World Cup again and will they manage it before Australia? The answer is most probably one of them will win it in 2018, not because the youth teams are looking great at present, but because that is when England or Australia is expected to win the BID to stage the World Cup...

Since 1958 the World Cup has been staged in either Europe or the Americas and switched alternately between the two. Then in May 1996 a decision was made to select Korea and Japan as co-hosts for 2002. Since then, FIFA have committed to rotate the tournament around globe to ensure Africa had a chance to host the tournament. If FIFA continues the rotation policy after Africa 2010, followed by South America 2014, 2018 would be staged in either North America or Oceania. This would mean that Europe would have to wait 20 years before the World Cup returned to home soil. This is highly unlikely

and unacceptable (as no team from Europe has ever won the World Cup on another continent) and therefore the rotation policy is likely to terminate after South Africa 2010.

FIFA have announced that 2014 will be in South America and either be hosted by Brazil or Argentina and Chile (joint). Countries that have announced their interest for 2018 are: England, Australia, China, Canada, Mexico, Netherlands and Belgium (joint bid) and Spain. England will be the likely bidders from Europe, and will have not staged the tournament for 52 years. They did make a rather messy bid for the 2006 World Cup. Losing out to the Germans and conveniently forgetting a gentlemen's agreement made when Germany stepped aside to allow them to bid for Euro 96. By 2018 the new Wembley will be ready along with some other great stadiums, and the infrastructure set up for the 2012 Olympics. However

the decision would have been made before the summer Games, so any delays, disputes or organisational difficulties in the months leading up to the Olympics could have a negative effect on a World Cup campaign.

England will need a World Cup ambassador, who will be still fresh in 12 years time. Germany had a world cup hero in Franz Beckenbauer who did an amazing job to land the 2006 World Cup. England will not have any young world cup heroes (the '66 heroes are old men now). England need a world name, instantly recognisable, passionate and emotional, be comfortable in front of television cameras and who is either coming to the end of his career or has recently finished playing. David Beckham and Paul Gascoigne spring to mind, however the latter is unlikely to be a realistic suggestion.

England's main rival will likely be Australia. Australia, like the USA in 1994 need a World Cup to boost the na-

tions thirst for 'The World Game.' Their success at hosting the 2000 Sydney Olympics and 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games is still fresh in the memory, and an Australian Michael Palmer has recently been enlisted by FIFA to organise South Africa 2010.

As for actually lifting the trophy as World Cup winners, may I repeat, that no European team has won the trophy outside Europe. This may be that the climate outside Europe is so extreme in the months of June and July, and too alien to the Europeans. Australia, however, in winter could provide the advantage, as it is probably an ideal climate for the English. So whether 2018 is in England or Australia, this maybe England's best hope for World Cup glory.

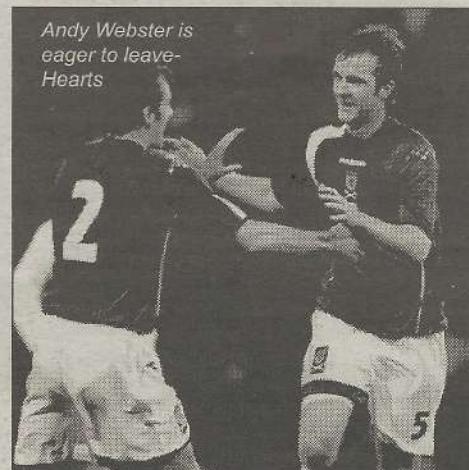
By Richard Sucksmith

TARTAN TALK with Nic Townsend



Season 2006-07 Preview

The new Scottish Premier League season began last Saturday, with the first round of matches. Unsurprisingly Celtic and Rangers are favourites. Yet looking at the year ahead, at this stage nothing about the new season is too predictable.



As happened in 2005, the premiership could potentially go right down right to the very last minute of the very last match. The gap between Celtic and Rang-

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ers is wafer thin and anyone making predictions is going on guess work as much as anything else. The same could be said of the competition for third and fourth spot, and the battle to avoid relegation. And for the first time in twenty years, bookmakers and pundits are now talking about the 'big three'. Hearts finished second last year, and after beating Siroki Brijeg 3-0 last Wednesday, look certain to progress to the third qualifying round of Champions League.

But as much as people might like to talk up Hearts' chances, it's probably just wishful thinking. Many SPL followers, including some Celtic and Rangers fans, enjoyed seeing Hearts compete with the Old Firm last season and hope they can do it again.

But over the summer, they've made no significant signings, and key players Andy Webster and Rudi Skacel are hoping to leave. After going through three managers last season, there is too much instability and uncertainty for Hearts to produce another consistently good season.

In fact things at Tynecastle could go horribly wrong. Fans have tolerated the antics of owner Vladimir Romanov because the team have been winning. But if things go bad, which they will if he keeps sacking the manager and filling the team with mediocre Lithuanians, then the fans will turn.

Which brings it back to Celtic and Rangers. Trying to pick the better side at this stage of the season is impossible, as there've been too many changes at both clubs over the summer. Celtic has had an ordinary pre-season, scoring 2 goals from seven friendlies. Last Wednesday they lost 3-0 to what were essentially Manchester United reserves. But their first match against Kilmarnock went well, winning 4-1. They were ordinary this time last year too, and still went on to win the league by 17 points.

After the big three, comes Hibs and Aberdeen, who will both expect to make the top six, and will be aiming for top four. They played each other on Saturday, ending in a 1-1 draw. Manager Tony Mowbray has done well at Hibs in recent years, however he's lost star players Gary O'Connor, Derek Riordan and Gary Caldwell. The good news Scott Brown has been playing some impressive football over the summer. The bad news is that he is the next player expected to leave Easter Road.

Heart owner
 Vladimir Romanov



Kilmarnock, Motherwell, Inverness CT and Dundee United will also be aiming for the top six. There isn't much separating them, and at their best, each is capable of pushing for fourth spot. In fact the surprise package of this season could be Inverness Caledonian Thistle. When two minor sides from the Highland League merged twelve years ago, they produced more than just the longest name in world football. Steady progression through the ranks, sees Caley Thistle now in their third year in the SPL. Last season was their best yet, and for the first time in their brief history, they've managed not to lose key players to other clubs. Former manager Craig Brewster, now at Dundee United, has been trying, but to date has been unsuccessful.

Kilmarnock and Motherwell have also spent the summer warding off poaches. With limited funds, neither has made significant signings.

Relegation will probably come down to a three-way battle between Dunfermline, Falkirk and St. Mirren. Dunfermline were pretty poor last year, and the only

thing that saved them was Livingston some how being even worse. Both Falkirk and St. Mirren will be happy to be playing in the premiership, and see that as achievement it itself. With the exception of a couple of ageing veterans, both have very young and inexperienced squads. Yet they both began the new season with wins.

Falkirk beat Dundee United 1-2, and St. Mirren beat Inverness CT 2-1.

Dunfermline, on the other hand, lost 1-2 to Hearts.

In First Division, Gretna are clear favourites. If they do win promotion, it will be their third in as many seasons, and will be further proof that money does buy success. Livingston and St. Johnstone will be their biggest obstacles. Morton and Stranraer are favourites to win Division Two, as are Stenhousemuir and Arbroath in Division Three.

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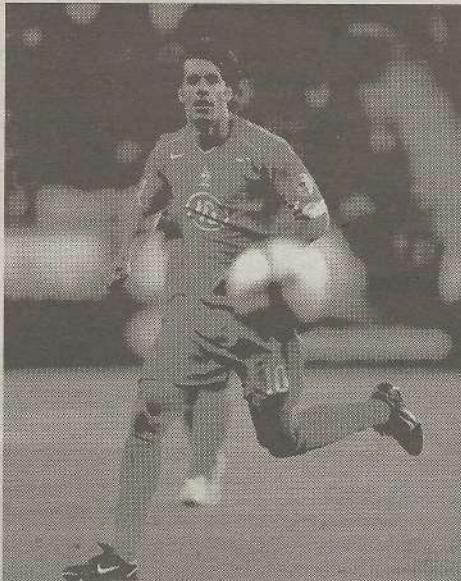
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OVERSEAS TRANSFER GOSSIP with George Egonidis

With the start of the English Premier League season only three weeks away, some of the summer's biggest transfer sagas were resolved last week.

Sir Alex Ferguson finally landed his man late on Friday when Manchester United agreed a fee close to £15m for the services of Tottenham's holding midfielder **Michael Carrick**. The deal represents a massive profit for Spurs, who outlaid only £2.75m for Carrick two years ago, and a cashed-up Martin Jol will no doubt step up his transfer market efforts in the coming weeks as he homes in on left-sided midfield players to fill a long-standing hole in the Spurs line-up. Having missed out on signing **Damien Duff** earlier in the week, Jol is sure to test Middlesbrough's resolve to hang onto England midfielder **Stewart Downing**, with bids upwards of £7m already rejected by Boro.

The Carrick deal was in part financed by the move of **Ruud van Nistelrooy** to Real Madrid for £10.2m. van Nistelrooy joins Italy's World Cup-winning captain **Fabio Cannavaro** and Brazil midfielder **Emerson** as Fabio Capello's third high-profile signing in as many weeks at the Bernabeu.



Dutch striker Ruud van Nistelrooy has ended speculation and signed for Spanish superteam Real Madrid

That leaves the long-running battle for **Ashley Cole** as one of the last major moves still to be resolved. Hopes were high at Stamford Bridge that a resolution would come quickly, but Arsenal is driving a hard bargain for the highly-rated England left-back, and holding out for a deal in the region of £30m—possibly even with **William Gallas** thrown in as a makeweight. Arsenal is believed to prefer a sale abroad, reckoning that a sale to their chief rivals for the Premiership would be madness, but it's unlikely that any other club could match an offer by Roman Abramovich.

Portsmouth's Russian owner, Alexandre Gaydamak, has clearly taken a leaf out of his compatriot's book as he continues to remodel the south coast club. Pompey was this week linked with a £3.75m move for Preston striker **David Nugent**, a £2m move for Villarreal's Argentinian defender **Juan Pablo Sorin**, and moves for three goalkeepers; Manchester City's **David James**, Rennes' **Andreas Isaksson** and Liverpool's **Scott Carson**. This comes on top of continued interest in **Nicolas Anelka**, and fresh moves for former Everton midfielder **Thomas Gravesen**, who is now very much on the outer at Real Madrid.

Newcastle boss Glen Roeder is sweating on the outcome of the Ashley Cole saga, with plans to sign Chelsea's forgotten England left-back, **Wayne Bridge**, dependant on Cole moving across London. The Magpies are also keen on West Ham's **Marlon Harewood** and Aston Villa's **Juan Pablo Angel** as their bid to sign a striker before the start of the season becomes critical. And finally, West Bromwich Albion defender **Curtis Davies** has disappointed a host of potential suitors by signing a four-year contract extension. Bidding between Arsenal, Tottenham and Portsmouth had reached £8.5m before the England under-21 international agreed to stay at the Hawthorns.

And in brief...

West Ham hopes to sign Chelsea winger **Shaun Wright-Phillips** on a season-long loan.

Sunderland will sign former striker **Kevin Phillips** for £750,000 and Newcastle discard Robbie Elliott on a free.

Fulham have received a £1m bid from Birmingham for USA international **Brian McBride**, and a £2m bid from Watford for Dutch striker **Collins John**.



Argentine captain Pablo Sorin (right) is set to leave Spanish upstarts Villarreal and join Portsmouth in the EPL

Fiorentina and Marseille are possible destinations for **Sol Campbell** next season.

Liverpool will offer **Jerzy Dudek** and **Jan Kromkamp** as makeweights in their attempt to sign Feyenoord striker **Dirk Kuyt** for £10m.

Bolton is leading the race to sign Partizan Belgrade striker **Nikola Zigic**, but could also make a surprise move for veteran Manchester City man **Andrew Cole**.

Watford and Charlton will battle it out for the signature of Spurs' **Wayne Routledge**.

Arsenal will use £10m of the eventual fee for Ashley Cole to sign **Yossi Benayoun** from West Ham, but he is also a target for Liverpool.

Middlesbrough is set to launch a £2.5m bid for Blackburn's **Brett Emerton** but Fulham and West Ham are also keen on the Australian winger.

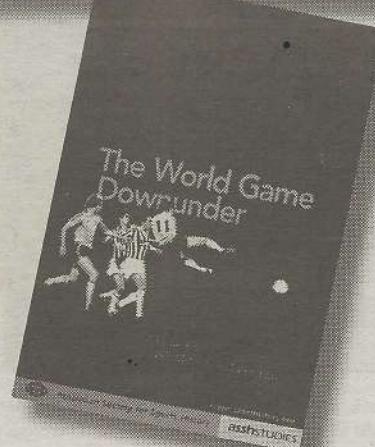
Juventus have offered defender **Jonathan Zebina** in a swap deal for Newcastle United's **Jean-Alain Boumsong**.

Iain Dowie is poised to offer £1.5m to take **Andy Faye** from Newcastle United to Charlton Athletic.

Major moves completed this week.

Benni McCarthy [Porto - Blackburn] £2.5m
David Thompson [Wigan - Portsmouth] Free
Ruud van Nistelrooy [Man U - Real Madrid] £10.2m
Franck Queudrue [Boro - Fulham] Undisclosed
Julio Arca [Sunderland - Middlesbrough] £1.75m
Jermaine Pennant [B'ham - L'pool] Appx. £7m
Damien Duff [Chelsea - Newcastle] £5m
Luke Wilkshire [Bristol City - FC Twente] Free

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Thanks to our good friends at Melbourne Sports Books, Goal! Weekly readers have a chance to win themselves a copy of "The World Game Down Under".

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Q. Who is Australia due to play in its next AFC qualifying match?

- a. Japan
- b. Kuwait
- c. Togo

GW READER COMPETITION

The Away Game
 Editors: Roy Hay and Bill Murray
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The World Game Downunder, Hay, Murray (eds.) and their contributors have produced a fascinating but necessarily disjointed history. A precursor to a big history the two editors are writing, the collection gives us insight into the way football in Australia, unable to move beyond second-rung status, has progressed in waves of interest and appeal only to fall into troughs of neglect and abuse. - The Age

Congratulations to Terence from Etham on being the winner of last week's GW Reader Competition.

Terence receives a copy of Hall's "The Away Game"

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Celtic Off To Winning Start



Maciej Zurawski scored for Celtic

ball home after 25 minutes following a giveaway by Kilmarnock's David Lilley, new boy Kenny Miller providing the service to the striker. Zurawski then had a hand in the goal that put Celtic 2-0 ahead in the 38th minute as he sent a pinpoint cross in for debutant Jiri Jarosik to shoulder in from just inside the penalty area.

With the home side firmly in control after the break, Japanese international Shunsuke Nakamura expertly slotted home a free kick from the edge of the area past Graeme Smith on 75 minutes.

Steven Naismith got a consolation three minutes from time for Killie, but Zurawski bagged his second of the game at the death to secure a three-goal dominating win on opening day.

GLASGOW, Jul 29 - The reigning Scottish Premier League champions got off to a hot start on Saturday as Celtic defeated Kilmarnock 4-1 at Parkhead to claim three points in their first league match of the new season.

With 54,620 fans on hand for celebrations of last season's title, it looked shaky at first for the Hoops as the visitors twice forced goalkeeper Artur Boruc into action before Celtic finally struck.

Boruc's Poland teammate, Maciej Zurawski, slid the



Maurinho Can Control Egos

LONDON, July 28 - Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho is confident he can manage the egos on his squad as he seeks to mold the cast of stars into a cohesive team ahead of the coming English Premiership campaign.

The addition of Michael Ballack and Andriy Shevchenko has resulted in another pair of publicity magnets being added to a club rich in players accustomed to the limelight.

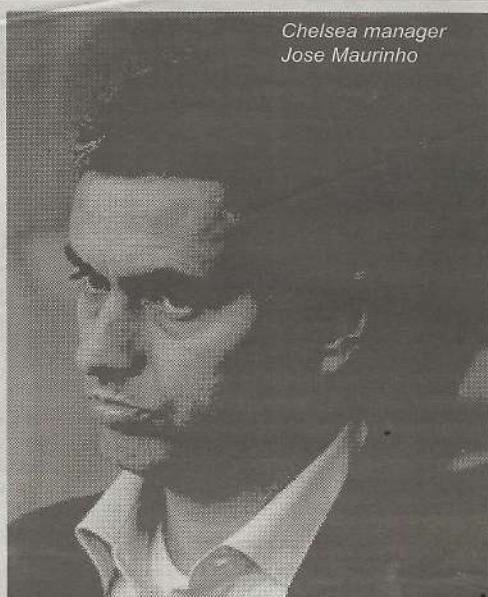
For example, press reports have suggested that Didier Drogba was unhappy with the addition of Shevchenko, but Mourinho is confident he can get everyone to see eye-to-eye.

"It is dependant on egos and personalities," he said. "If these big players have the desire to win and think that the team is bigger than the individual then it easy to work."

"But if the top players think about themselves more than other things then we have a problem."

"But I want everybody to go in the right direction and put the team in first place. After that I think things are easy."

The Blues are currently touring the United States and open their 2006/07 domestic campaign on August 19 at home to Manchester City.



Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho

Liverpool wants Israel match moved



LIVERPOOL, July 28 - The Liverpool supporters' club have today called for their Champions League qualifier against Maccabi Haifa not to be played in Israel.

Liverpool have been drawn to play against Maccabi Haifa on the 22nd or 23rd September, but the ongoing crisis in the area has raised security fears in the region.

Les Lawson of the Liverpool International Supporters' Club was concerned at the prospect of the clubs fans having to travel to the area saying, "Everybody's at risk, they would be a target from the moment they arrived."

"This is a dangerous, volatile situation in Israel and safety for everyone, the team, the officials, fans, referee everybody, should be the main consideration."

Lawson also gave his view on Uefa's approach to the situation stating, "Uefa have known this situation was coming. They have known about the war there for a few weeks now and they knew Haifa were in the draw. They should already have said Haifa's home leg has to be played in a neutral country."

Uefa Official Rob Faulkner issued a reply to the fans concerns he explained, "We've asked the Israel FA and relevant authorities to give us assurances concerning safety."

Adding, "We'll be in discussions with both clubs but the key is the safety of players, fans and officials - and we wouldn't go ahead if we didn't have those assurances."

Libertad, Internacional End All Square

striker Rafael Sóbis was only able to fire into the side of the net from a tight angle. Eight minutes later, Sóbis played the ball out to the top of the area for midfielder Edinho, but his effort was well high of the target and the danger passed for Libertad.

Jorge Wagner might have given the Brazilians the lead in the 29th minute when the ball came to him outside the penalty area, but his laser shot deflected off of teammate Sóbis in the area when it appeared it was headed for the target.

Internacional's dominance of the scoring chances continued four minutes later as Fernandão took a nifty touch off his chest and got around a defender, but his dipping shot from 25 yards just missed over the top. But Libertad then had two chances better than all of Internacional's in the 35th minute and were twice unlucky to take the lead.

The first came when veteran midfielder Pablo Guiñazú struck the ball from inside the area off of the goalpost, and the second when Rodrigo López shot right at goalkeeper Clemer after a fine service by Cristian Riveros from the left.

Wagner, though, came back for the visitors with a

Celtic goes for experience

GLASGOW, Jul 28 - Scottish champions Celtic are looking to add some experience to their side before entering into Europe this season.

After selling John Hartson in the summer, Hoops manager Gordon Strachan is looking to sign an experienced striker to help lead the attack for both domestic and European honours.

It has now been revealed that after missing out on Charlton new boy Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink, Strachan has turned his attention to Holland international Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink from PSV.

"We have a meeting with Celtic," said the player's father, who is also his agent.

"Both parties know what is on the table and I think it looks good."

"Personal terms will not be a problem and it is up to the clubs to agree on a fee."

Another player that Strachan is in talks with is impressive Ukraine midfielder Anatolii Tymoschuk from Shakhtar Donetsk.

With speculation still surrounding the future of Stilian Petrov, the Bhoys are looking to sign a player that would more than adequately replace the Bulgarian, should he be sold.

"Peter Lawwell [Celtic chief executive] called me," confirmed Shakhtar general director Sergei Palkin.

"It was an introductory call to express Celtic's interest in Tymoschuk, they have not yet made an offer."

"We are now waiting for them to send us an offer in writing."

"If we get an offer which meets a real valuation of our captain's worth, we will not stand in his way."

"I told Mr. Lawwell about a previous offer from Feyenoord which was not acceptable and he now knows the price that would be acceptable to us."

"We are now waiting for Celtic to make an offer."

Hearts Opens With Win

DUNFERMLINE, Jul 29 - Czech striker Michal Pospisil struck with 12 minutes left to give Hearts a 2-1 win away to 10-man Dunfermline to start the 2006/07 Scottish Premier League season.

Hearts, who broke up the Old Firm last year by pipping Rangers to second place in the league, were coming off of a 3-0 win over Siroki Brijeg in Champions League qualifying on Wednesday.

However, Dunfermline started the stronger of the two sides at East End Park controlling possession and using the flanks to test the Hearts defense, but Roman Bednar tucked home a goal for Hearts in the 15th minute for an early lead to the visitors.

Neil McCann was unlucky not to extend Hearts' lead later in the opening half when he struck the crossbar, and that miss proved costly just after the hour mark when Stephen Simmons bundled over off of a corner kick to level for the Pars.

The Edinburgh side then fought back, but Dunfermline nearly went in front twice through Freddie Daquin and Calum Woods before Pospisil scored on the rebound in the 78th minute after Bruno Aguiar hit the bar on a free kick.

Dunfermline's chances of coming back were hindered two minutes later when Andy Tod, who came on as an early substitute for the injured Noel Whelan, was shown a red card for violent conduct on Julien Brellier.



Van Nistelrooy Madrid Bound

MADRID, Jul 28 - Real Madrid have announced the imminent signing of Dutchman Ruud Van Nistelrooy from Manchester United.

It is reported that the deal is worth about 15 million euros to the Red Devils, with the player to sign a three-year contract.

"Real Madrid have reached an agreement with Manchester United for the signing of Ruud Van Nistelrooy," read a statement from the Spanish giants.

"The player will take a medical on Friday morning and will be presented in the afternoon at 1700 GMT in the Bernabeu."

The news will be a blow to German champions Bayern Munich who had been hoping to persuade Van Nistelrooy to move to the Bundesliga.

The Dutchman's sale should now see United boss Sir Alex Ferguson spring into action in the summer transfer market, with fans concerned over the lack of activity in recruiting re-enforcements for the coming campaign.

Rangers face injury dramas

GLASGOW, July 28 - Rangers midfielder Barry Ferguson will not start his SPL season for another five weeks as he recovers from a heel injury.

The club captain will miss Rangers League opener at Motherwell on Sunday, as he still attempts to recover from surgery he had on his ankle in April.

It's thought that swelling around the player's heel means the Scottish international will have to be replaced by Croatian Dado Prsa this weekend.

Paul Le Guen commented on the player's condition saying, "He needs to train more and he needs some matches before he can come into the team."

He added, "Unfortunately, it is too early for Barry."

Chris Burke will also miss the game at Fir Park due to injury, whilst Kris Boyd is suspended. Rangers finished in third place behind both Celtic and Hearts in last season's Scottish Premier League.

Terry would 'Love to Captain England'

LONDON, Jul 28 - Chelsea skipper John Terry has voiced his eagerness to be appointed England captain. When asked if he would like the dual role of leading both club and country, the 25-year-old revealed that he would love the job, even if the final decision was not down to him.

"That is a decision for Steve McLaren to make," said Terry.

"Like every player and like everybody in England who has grown up watching England in the past it would be a dream and I would desperately love to be made captain."

"But it is up to Steve McLaren to make that decision." Terry is the bookmakers favourite to land the role ahead of Liverpool's Steven Gerrard.

Huth To Join Boro On Loan

MIDDLESBROUGH, July 28 - Germany international Robert Huth is said to be on the verge of joining Middlesbrough on a season-long loan.

The 21-year-old Chelsea defender was set to make a permanent switch after the World Cup, but he failed a medical exam following ankle surgery.

Boro will now take Huth on loan for the season to determine if the ankle injury will hamper his play.

Both clubs view the loan arrangement as a precursor to a permanent deal.

Huth has made 17 appearances for Germany and scored twice.

Fonseca Signs With Benfica

LISBON, July 28 - Mexico international Jose Francisco Fonseca has joined Portuguese club Benfica, becoming the fourth member of the national squad to leave Mexico this summer.

Mexican players have traditionally chosen to play in the domestic league - one of the strongest in the Americas - rather than venturing abroad, but it has long been Fonseca's goal to play in Europe.

Speaking last year, the 26-year-old said: "One of my goals is to give it a go there [in Europe]. I'm working towards that every day, and God willing my chance will arrive. If opportunity knocks for me one day, then I'll be ready."

In January 2005, Fonseca joined Mexican powerhouse Cruz Azul in a \$4-million transaction, a huge sum for the Mexican top-flight.

He has scored 20 goals in 33 international appearances.



ASUNCION, Jul 28 (SW) - Libertad and Internacional achieved a 0-0 draw in their Copa Libertadores semi-final first leg played on Thursday night in Asuncion.

Early on the match went back and forth on both ends, but Internacional nearly broke through in the 12th minute after a defensive breakdown by Libertad, but

thumping drive in the 53rd minute that Clemer did well to save, and he also handled the ensuing corner that was headed on target by Fabiano Eller.

Sóbis kept his magic up in the second half with a nice centering pass to the top of the area for Fernandão in the 55th minute, but his shot was over the top on the half-volley attempt. Substitute Nelson Romero came close for Libertad in the 65th minute, but Internacional were right back on the attacking foot and Sóbis fired wide five minutes later with a good scoring chance. Libertad pushed toward the end and looked very dangerous as they tried to get through a solid Internacional defense, and Riveros was incredibly unlucky not to give Libertad the win in the 87th minute. The Paraguay international midfielder fired a shot from the edge of the area that crashed against the crossbar and then hit the back of the goalpost Clemer without his knowing and then went wide of the post for a corner kick.

The teams meet again in a week in Porto Alegre.





JUNIOR LEAGUES



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MILO Boys Metro 18 Purple: Round 14: Bye Preston Lions , Gisborne Bye , Brimbank 1 Northcote City 1, St Albans 2 Keilor Park 7, Essendon Royals 3 Bundoora 0

MILO Boys Metro 18 Yellow: Round 14: Bye Berwick Kings , Berwick City 1 Brighton JSC 1, Westgate 1 Eastern Lions 2, Glen Eira Bye , Brandon Park 1 Mornington 2

MILO Boys South 16 A: Round 14: Langwarrin 1 Bentleigh Greens 3, Springvale City Beaumaris , Sandringham City 11 Baxter 0, Berwick City 3 Brighton JSC 6, Dandenong City Doveton

MILO Boys South 16 B: Round 14: Dandenong Sparrows Bye , Peninsula 4 Chelsea 1, Sandringham City A 1 Sandringham City B 3, Carrum Utd 0 Rowville Eagles 6, Beaumaris 2 Doveton 3

MILO Boys South 15 A: Round 14: Hampton Park Utd 0 Springvale White Eagles 6, Brighton JSC Cranbourne Comets , Sandringham City 2 Mornington 0, Dandenong Thunder 2 Berwick City 3, Carrum Utd 1 Langwarrin 3

MILO Boys South 15 B: Round 14: Langwarrin 2 Bentleigh Greens 1, Berwick City 3 Dandenong City 9, Baxter 6 Mornington 1, Rosebud 4 Brighton JSC 0, Beaumaris 2 Endeavour United 2

MILO Boys South 14 A: Round 14: Hampton Park Utd 0 Springvale White Eagles 6, Brighton 6 Lyndale Utd 1, Sandringham City 8 Baxter 0, Berwick City 0 Mornington 1, Beaumaris 0 Langwarrin 1

MILO Boys South 14 B: Round 14: Langwarrin 1 Cranbourne Comets 2, Peninsula Bye , Sandringham City 8 White Star Dandenong 3, Mornington 1 Brighton JSC 7, Dandenong City Frankston Pines

MILO Boys South 13 A: Round 14: Hampton Park Utd 0 Bentleigh Greens 5, Brighton JSC 6 Mornington 0, Dandenong Thunder 13 Endeavour Utd 0, Berwick City 3 Devonton 0, Frankston Pines 0 Langwarrin 0

MILO Boys South 13 B: Round 14: Hampton Park Utd 0 Berwick City 7, Brighton JSC 0 Lyndale Utd 5, Sandringham City 5 Seaford Utd 0, Carrum Utd 2 Phillip Island 1, East Bentleigh Beaumaris

MILO Boys South 13 C: Round 14: Seaford Utd Bye , Langwarrin 4 Springvale White Eagles 0, Cranbourne Comets 3 Beaumaris 3, Sandringham City 0 Baxter 1, Berwick City 0 Brighton 3

MILO Boys South 12 A: Round 14: Hampton Park Utd 1 Bentleigh Greens 2, Peninsula 1 Beaumaris 0, Sandringham City 4 Mornington 1, Berwick City 2 Brighton JSC 1, Dandenong City Langwarrin

MILO Boys South 12 B: Round 14: Bye Chelsea , Brighton, Beaumaris , Sandringham City 0 Cranbourne Comets 2, Hampton 3 Berwick City 1, Seaford Utd 2 Mornington 1

MILO Boys South 12 C: Round 14: Beaumaris Bye , Langwarrin Bye , Brighton JSC 0 Mornington 2, Baxter 4 Sandringham City 0, Rosebud 3 Seaford Utd 0

MILO Boys South 12 D: Round 14: Hampton Bye , Peninsula , Harrisfield Hurricanes 7 Bentleigh Greens 0, Casey Panthers 1 Lyndale Utd 3, Keysborough JSC 13 Endeavour Hills 0

MILO Boys South 11 Kangaroos Green: Round 14: Mornington Bye , Hampton 1 Berwick City 3, Brighton 1 Beaumaris 1, Sandringham City 3 Heatherton 0, Dandenong City Cranbourne Comets

MILO Boys South 11 Kangaroos Purple: Round 14: Doncaster Rovers JSC 0 Ringwood City 1, Bulleen 2 Nunawading City 0, Monash City 8 Roversdale Raiders 0, Boronia Stonnington City , Richmond 0 South Melbourne 12

MILO Boys East 11 Joys Blue: Round 14: Caulfield Utd Bye , Manningham 0 Kingston City 3, Bulleen 3 Richmond 1, Ashburton 2 Croydon City Arrows JSC 0, Nunawading City 0 East Bentleigh 6

MILO Boys East 11 Joys Red: Round 14: Glen Eira Bye , Melbourne Utd 1 Knox City 2, Ashburton 2 Richmond 3, Brandon Park 0 North Caulfield 1, Sherbrooke Rangers 0 Doncaster Rovers 2

MILO Boys East 11 Kangaroos Yellow: Round 14: Eastern Lions 0 Monash City 8, Glen Eira 2 Springvale City 1, Port Melbourne JSC Ringwood City , Roversdale Raiders 2, Boronia Lions 3, Glen Waverley 0 Moorabank 5

MILO Boys N/W 16 B: Round 14: Altona East Laior Utd , Meadow Park 2 Altona City 7, Watsonia Heights 0 Werribee City 9, Keilor Wolves 3 Sydenham Park 2, Broadmeadows Utd 1 Maribyrong Greens 1

MILO Boys N/W 14 B: Round 14: Bundoora Bye , Altona East 3 Sunbury Utd 1, Sunshine Georgies 4 Essendon Royals 0, North Sunshine Eagles 3 Gisborne 1, Light Utd 1 Sydenham Park 0

MILO Boys N/W 14 C: Round 14: Lalor Utd Bye , Flemington Eagles 0 Altona City 5, Northcote City 0 Werribee City 2, Watsonia Heights 1 Essendon Royals 2

MILO Boys South 11 Joys Blue: Round 14: Berwick City Bye , Endeavour Utd 3 Beaumaris 0, Sandringham City 7 Baxter 0, Carrum Utd 0 Brighton 5, Dandenong City Doveton

MILO Boys South 11 Joys Red: Round 14: Hampton

Park Utd 2 Mornington 1, Brighton A 0 Hampton 2, Keysborough 2 Sandringham City 1, Berwick City 1 Brighton B 2, Beaumaris Langwarrin

MILO Boys East 16 A: Round 14: Riversdale Raiders 2 Glen Waverley 1, Manningham Bye , Ashburton 0 Nunawading City 10, East Bentleigh Bulleen , Sherbrooke Rangers 2 Doncaster Rovers JSC 1

MILO Boys East 16 B: Round 14: North Caulfield Bye , Bye Glen Eira , Moorabank 2 Boronia 2, Manningham 2 Richmond 3, Eastern Lions 5 Boroondara Lions 2

MILO Boys East 15 A: Round 14: Bye South Melbourne Doncaster Rovers JSC 3 Knox City 1, Manningham 8 Richmond 1, South Springvale 0 North Caulfield 2, Boronia 3 Bulleen 2

MILO Boys East 15 B: Round 14: Glen Waverley 3 Boronia 0, East Bentleigh Nunawading City , Brandon Park 2 North Caulfield 0, Westgate Eastern Lions , Croydon City Arrows JSC 1 Doncaster Rovers JSC 3

MILO Boys East 15 C: Round 14: Ringwood City Bye , Caulfield Utd 3 Manningham 1, Sherbrooke Rangers 1 Ashburton 3, Port Melbourne JSC 1 Boroondara Lions 1, Richmond 2 Moorabank 3

MILO Boys East 14 A: Round 14: Kingston City Bye , Riversdale Raiders 2 Richmond 5, Nunawading City 3 Caulfield Utd 1, Eastern Lions 1 Bulleen 3, Sherbrooke Rangers 0 Glen Waverley 2

MILO Boys East 14 B: Round 14: Melbourne Utd 3 Springvale City 0, Manningham 1 Oakleigh 2, Clayton 1 North Caulfield 3, Glen Eira 4 Whittlesea 3, Southern Stars 3 Bulleen 1

MILO Boys East 14 C: Round 14: Doncaster Rovers JSC 2 Knox City 3, Brighton JSC 1 Beaumaris 2, Croydon City Arrows JSC 2 Moorabank 0, Stonnington City 0 Nunawading City 3, Glen Waverley 2 Berwick City 3

MILO Boys East 14 D: Round 14: Chelsea 5 Eastern Lions 1, Ashburton 1 Glen Eira 0, Ringwood City 0 Hampton 9, Boronia 2 Manningham 1, East Bentleigh Doncaster Rovers JSC

MILO Boys East 14 E: Round 14: Bye Bye , Riversdale Raiders 1 Oakleigh 1, Clayton 0 North Caulfield 4, Port Melbourne 1 Bulleen 4, Croydon City Arrows 0 South Melbourne 1

MILO Boys East 13 B: Round 14: Sherbrooke Rangers Bye , Ashburton 1 Kingston City 3, Manningham 0 Richmond 1, Monash City 7 Nunawading City 0, Boronia 0 Eastern Lions 2

MILO Boys East 13 C: Round 14: Bye Bye , Ringwood City 0 Glen Waverley 3, Caulfield Utd 2 Springvale City 3, Brandon Park 2 North Caulfield 1, Richmond 2 Moorabank 0

MILO Boys East 13 D: Round 14: Doncaster Rovers Bye , Ashburton 1 Bulleen 1, Glen Eira 0 North Caulfield 4, East Bentleigh Croydon City Arrows , Glen Waverley 0 Bundoora Lions 7

MILO Boys East 12 A: Round 14: Bye Bye , Caulfield Utd 4, Ashburton 1 Glen Eira 0 North Caulfield 3, Moreland 0 South Melbourne 1

MILO Boys East 12 B: Round 14: Sherbrooke Rangers Bye , Fawkner Plenty Valley Lions , Meadow Park Bye , Whittlesea Stallions 3 Eltham North 0, Clifton Hill Utd Bundoora

MILO Boys East 12 C: Round 14: Broadmeadows Utd 4 Alphington 2, Youth Utd Essendon Royals , Greenvale 3 Eltham North 1, Watsonia Heights 1 Brunswick Zebras 4 Moreland Wolves Moreland Utd

MILO Boys East 11 Kangaroos Green: Round 14: Preston Lions Bye , Brunswick Zebras 3 Heidelberg Stars 0, Brunswick City 6 Eltham North 0, Heidelberg Utd 0 Epping City 3, North City Lions JSC 3 Bundoora 1

MILO Boys East 11 Kangaroos Purple: Round 14: North City Lions JSC Bye , Ashburton 3 Light Utd 1, Clifton Hill Utd 0 Essendon Royals 3, Whittlesea Stallions 2 Moreland Knights 1, Moreland City 3 Brunswick Zebras 0

MILO Boys East 11 Joey Blue: Round 14: Keon Park Bye , Fawkner 3 Light Utd 1, Clifton Hill Utd 0 Essendon Royals 1, Watsonia Heights 1 Albion Rovers , St Albans 3 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 0

MILO Boys West 16 A: Round 14: Sunbury Utd 5 WWSA 0, Laverton Park 0 Western Eagles 2, Gisborne 1, Watsonia Heights 0 Brunswick City 1, Light United North 1 Epping City 2, North Coburg Utd Moreland Utd

MILO Boys East 12 A: Round 14: Doncaster Rovers JSC 3 Stomnington City 0, Ringwood City 2 Oakleigh 1, Croydon City Arrows JSC 0 North Caulfield 2, Glen Waverley 6 Bye , Riversdale Raiders

MILO Boys East 12 C: Round 14: Melbourne United 2 Eastern Lions 0, Ashburton 1 Waverley Wanderers 4, Brandon Park 2 North Caulfield 2, Boroondara Lions Bulleen , Bye Moreland

MILO Boys East 12 D: Round 14: Keon Park Bye , Fawkner 3 Light Utd 1, Watsonia Heights 1 Albion Rovers , St Albans 3 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 3

MILO Boys East 12 E: Round 14: Sherbrooke Rangers Bye , Caulfield Utd 3 Albion Rovers 0, Melton 4 Brimbank 0, Williamstown 0 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 4, Eltham 0 North Keilor Park 5

MILO Boys West 16 B: Round 14: Brunswick Zebras Bye , Sandringham City 7 Albion Rovers 0, Melton 4 Brimbank 0, Williamstown 0 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 4, Eltham 0 North Keilor Park 5

MILO Boys N/W 16 C: Round 14: Eltham North Bye , Brunswick Zebras 9 Gisborne 2, Sandringham City 0 Keilor Park 1, Epping City 3 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 2, Bundoora 1 Meadow Park 0

MILO Boys N/W 12: Round 14: Alphington Bye , Diamond Valley Utd 6 Brunswick Zebras 0, Sandringham City 6 Essendon Royals 0, Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 4 Eltham North 0

MILO Boys S/E 16 Super League P W D L F APT

Knox City JSC 14 13 1 0 58 5 40

South Melbourne JFC 13 10 1 2 52 19 31

Bulleen JSC 13 9 2 2 51 20 29

Southern Stars JFC 13 9 2 2 26 11 29

Eastern Piranhas 14 5 6 4 27 25 19

Bentleigh Greens JSC 14 3 5 6 14 41 14

Glen Waverley JSC 14 3 4 7 24 42 13

Doncaster Rovers JSC 13 2 3 8 19 46 9

Oakleigh JSC 14 1 1 12 18 44 4

Whitehorse 14 1 1 12 8 54 4

MILO Boys S/E 15 Super League P W D L F APT

Box Hill Inter JSC 13 10 1 2 52 20 31

South Melbourne JFC 12 5 6 1 23 12 23

Bulleen JSC 11 6 3 2 22 7 21

Kingston City JSC 13 5 6 1 21 27 16

Noble Park JSC 13 4 3 6 23 35 15

Whitehorse 12 4 2 6 20 24 14

Doncaster Rovers JSC 11 1 5 15 34 8

Beaumaris SC 13 0 3 10 9 33 3

MILO Boys S/E 14 Super League P W D L F APT

South Melbourne JFC 14 12 1 1 53 13 37

Box Hill Inter JSC 14 11 1 2 40 11 34

Manningham JSC 13 8 2 3 28 16 26

Bulleen JSC 13 7 4 2 52 13 23

Knox City JSC 13 5 3 5 17 12 18

Endeavour Utd 13 5 2 6 17 25 17

Chelsea JSC 14 1 3 10 9 38 6



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MILO Boys South 15 A

P W D L F APT	MILO Boys South 12 D
Cranbourne Comets JSC	13 12 0 1 59 14 36
Sandringham City JSC	14 12 0 2 51 20 36
Springvale White Eagles JSC	14 9 1 4 37 14 28
Langwarrin SC	13 9 0 4 39 21 27
Dandenong Thunder JSC	14 7 1 6 30 35 22
Brighton JSC	13 5 2 6 19 21 17
Berwick City JSC	13 4 3 6 27 25 15
Mornington SC	14 2 2 10 17 46 8
Hampton Park Utd	14 2 0 12 15 61 6
Seaford Utd	14 1 1 12 11 48 4

MILO Boys South 15 B

P W D L F APT	MILO Boys South 11 Kangaroos Green
Dandenong City JSC	14 13 1 0 108 19 40
Bentleigh Greens JSC	14 11 1 2 57 24 34
Endeavour United JSC	14 8 4 2 40 14 28
Beaumaris SC	14 6 3 5 31 33 21
Langwarrin SC	14 6 2 5 31 24 20
Rosebud JSC	14 6 2 6 32 47 20
Baxter Soccer Club	14 6 0 8 31 33 18
Berwick City JSC	14 5 0 9 28 46 15
Brighton JSC	14 1 1 12 13 75 4
Mornington A	14 0 2 12 13 69 2

MILO Boys South 14 A

P W D L F APT	MILO Boys South 11 Kangaroos Purple
Springvale White Eagles	14 12 1 1 66 19 37
Mornington	14 12 0 2 77 13 36
Sandringham City	14 10 0 4 58 23 30
Brighton	14 9 1 4 61 29 28
Langwarrin	14 9 1 4 42 15 28
Berwick City	14 7 1 6 54 33 22
Lyndale Utd	14 4 0 10 38 59 12
Beaumaris	14 3 0 11 16 72 9
Hampton Park Utd	14 1 0 13 8 74 3
Baxter	14 1 0 13 11 94 3

MILO Boys South 14 B

P W D L F APT	MILO Boys South 11 Joey's Blue
Dandenong City JSC	12 11 0 1 48 9 33
Cranbourne Comets JSC	13 10 1 2 54 16 31
Frankston Pines JSC	11 10 0 1 71 7 30
Brighton JSC	12 6 1 5 37 29 19
Mornington SC	12 5 1 6 29 27 16
Langwarrin SC	13 5 1 7 29 34 16
Peninsula JSC	12 4 0 8 23 40 12
Sandringham City JSC	12 2 0 10 19 55 6
Heatherton Utd	0 0 0 0
White Star Dandenong JSC	13 0 0 13 8101 0

MILO Boys South 13 A

P W D L F APT	MILO Boys South 11 Joey's Red
Dandenong Thunder JSC	14 13 0 1 64 6 39
Bentleigh Greens JSC	14 10 1 3 35 13 31
Berwick City JSC	14 10 0 4 53 10 30
Langwarrin SC	14 9 3 2 40 8 30
Brighton JSC	14 8 1 5 43 19 25
Frankston Pines JSC	14 8 1 5 35 15 25
Doveton JSC	14 4 3 7 27 36 15
Mornington SC	14 1 2 11 6 68 5
Hampton Park Utd	14 0 2 12 4 49 2
Endeavour Utd	14 0 1 13 4 87 1

MILO Boys South 13 B

P W D L F APT	MILO Boys East 16 A
Lyndale Utd	14 12 2 0 78 8 38
East Bentleigh JSC	13 11 1 1 63 10 34
Berwick City JSC	14 11 0 3 61 14 33
Sandringham City JSC	14 9 2 3 59 17 29
Beaumaris SC	13 7 2 4 34 18 23
Brighton JSC	14 4 0 10 24 49 12
Carum Utd	14 4 0 10 15 60 12
Phillip Island JSC	14 2 2 10 20 60 8
Seaford Utd	14 2 2 10 9 53 8
Hampton Park Utd	14 1 1 12 9 83 4

MILO Boys South 13 C

P W D L F APT	MILO Boys East 16 B
Beaumaris SC	13 10 1 2 39 17 31
Springvale White Eagles	13 9 0 4 0 28 27
Langwarrin	12 7 3 2 38 14 24
Cranbourne Comets	12 6 4 2 38 16 22
Seaford Utd	12 7 1 4 37 21 22
Baxter	12 4 1 7 10 23 13
Brighton	12 4 0 8 18 29 12
Sandringham City	13 2 1 10 9 47 7
Berwick City	13 1 1 11 8 42 4

MILO Boys South 12 A

P W D L F APT	MILO Boys East 15 A
Berwick City JSC	14 11 2 1 39 10 35
Beaumaris SC	14 11 1 2 39 8 34
Sandringham City JSC	14 9 2 3 38 14 29
Dandenong City JSC	13 9 2 2 38 14 29
Peninsula JSC	14 8 3 2 37 9 27
Bentleigh Greens JSC	14 6 2 6 23 18 20
Mornington SC	14 4 0 10 21 36 12
Brighton JSC	14 3 0 11 10 27 9
Hampton Park Utd	14 1 0 13 4 48 3
Langwarrin SC	13 1 0 12 12 67 3

MILO Boys South 12 B

P W D L F APT	MILO Boys East 15 B
Hampton	12 11 0 1 32 6 33
Beaumaris	12 6 3 3 12 12 21
Mornington	13 6 2 5 22 17 20
Cranbourne Comets	13 6 1 6 16 16 19
Seaford Utd	12 6 1 5 15 19 19
Brighton	11 5 1 5 14 14 16
Berwick City	13 3 4 6 16 17 13
Chelsea	12 2 2 8 5 30 8
Sandringham City	12 1 4 7 8 18 7
Langwarrin	0 0 0 0

MILO Boys South 12 C

P W D L F APT	MILO Boys East 15 C
Rosebud JSC	11 11 0 0 41 0 33
Beaumaris SC	11 8 1 2 32 15 25
Baxter Soccer Club	11 7 2 2 27 13 23
Mornington SC	11 6 0 5 17 15 18
Langwarrin SC	11 4 4 3 15 18 16
Sandringham City JSC	11 2 1 8 12 35 7
Seaford Utd	11 1 0 10 11 34 3
Brighton JSC	11 1 0 10 6 31 3

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MILO Boys South 12 D

P W D L F APT	MILO Boys East 12 D
Bentleigh Greens JSC	12 11 0 1 83 10 33
Harrisfield Hurricanes	11 10 0 1 78 8 30
Keysborough JSC	12 7 1 4 71 26 22
Peninsula JSC	10 6 1 3 51 18 19
Hampton JSC	11 5 0 6 41 28 15
Lyndale Utd	11 3 0 8 10 83 9
Casey Panthers JSC	11 1 0 10 8 77 3
Endeavour Hills SC	10 0 0 10 0 92 0

MILO Boys South 11 Kangaroos Green

P W D L F APT	MILO Boys East 14 B
Brighton	13 10 3 0 39 12 33
Berwick City	12 8 2 2 35 13 26
Beaumaris	12 7 4 1 39 10 25
Mornington	12 6 2 4 27 16 20
Dandenong City	12 5 1 6 20 18 16
Heatherton Utd	12 4 1 7 22 26 13
Sandringham City	13 2 6 5 11 21 12
Hampton	12 1 2 9 8 37 5
Cranbourne Comets	12 1 1 10 11 59 4

MILO Boys South 11 Kangaroos Purple

P W D L F APT	MILO Boys East 14 C
Sandringham City JSC	12 10 1 1 76 6 31
Langwarrin SC	13 8 4 1 48 7 28
Noble Park JSC	13 7 4 2 41 8 25
Dandenong Thunder JSC	13 7 4 2 41 12 25
Seaford Utd	13 6 4 3 33 13 22
Springvale White Eagles JSC	12 5 1 6 39 16 16
Peninsula JSC	12 2 1 9 7 58 7
Mornington SC	12 0 2 10 2 72 2
Rosebud JSC	12 0 1 11 2 97 1

MILO Boys South 11 Joey's Blue

P W D L F APT	MILO Boys East 14 D
Berwick City	12 11 1 0 66 7 34
Sandringham City	12 10 1 2 28 14 26
Brighton	12 8 2 2 28 14 26
Endeavour Utd	12 7 1 4 23 21 22
Beaumaris	13 5 1 7 19 27 16
Baxter	13 4 2 7 28 31 14
Doveton	12 2 8 2 12 27 8
Dandenong City	10 2 1 7 7 31 7
Carum Utd	12 0 0 12 1 58 0

MILO Boys South 11 Joey's Red

P W D L F APT	MILO Boys East 13 A
Hampton Park Utd	14 12 2 0 54 12 38
Mornington	14 10 1 2 35 11 31
Brighton B	14 9 3 2 27 9 30
Sandringham City	14 9 1 4 28 12 28
Keysborough	14 6 0 8 21 28 18
Beaumaris	13 3 1 9 13 32 10
Langwarrin	13 3 1 9 8 32 10
Brighton A	14 2 2 10 6 31 8
Berwick City	14 1 1 12 14 47 4

MILO Boys East 16 A

P W D L F APT	MILO Boys East 16 B
Riversdale Raiders	12 10 1 1 45 14 31
Bulleen JSC	11 9 1 1 49 10 28
Nunawading City JSC	11 7 2 2 43 16 23
Manningham JSC	11 7 1 3 33 13 22
East Bentleigh JSC	10 6 1 3 32 16 19
Glen Waverley JSC	13 6 0 7 35 19 18
Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	12 2 1 9 10 68 7
Doncaster Rovers JSC	12 1 1 10 7 47 4
Ashburton JSC	12 0 0 12 9 60 0

MILO Boys East 15 D

P W D L F APT	MILO Boys East 13 C
Glen Waverley JSC	11 8 1 4 32 18 27
Brandon Park JSC	12 7 2 3 27 17 23
Richmond JSC	11 5 5 1 4 36 25 25
Bulleen JSC	12 6 2 4 24 17 23
Monash City JSC	13 6 1 6 35 19 19
Ashburton JSC	13 2 0 10 34 11 36
Manningham JSC	13 6 0 7 22 15 18
Port Melbourne	12 1 2 9 14 44 5

MILO Boys East 15 B

P W D L F APT	MILO Boys East 15 C
Richmond JSC	11 9 1 1 56 13 28
Borondara Lions JFC	11 8 1 2 43 20 25
Bulleen JSC	11 9 2 2 43 19 20
Boronia JSC	



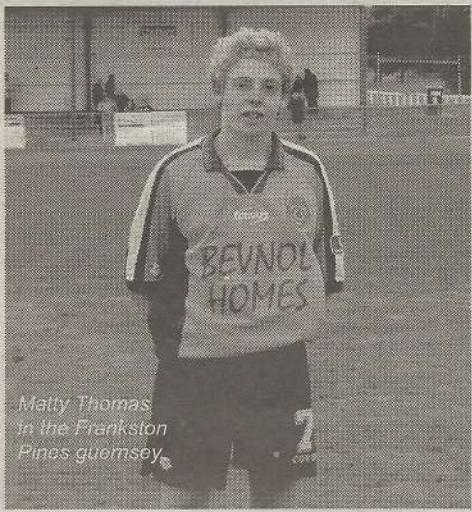
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MILO Boys North 12 C	P W D L F APT	MILO Boys West 12 B	P W D L F APT	MILO Girls Metro 13 C	P W D L F APT	North City Lions JSC	P W D L F APT
Whittlesea Stallions JSC	11 9 1 1 37 6 28	Sunshine Georgies JSC	12 11 1 0 41 6 34	Bundoora JSC	14 11 3 0 39 3 36	Epping City SC	13 7 0 6 30 29 21
Bundoora JSC	10 8 2 0 30 6 26	Kelso Park JSC	13 10 0 3 40 8 30	Hoppers Crossing JSC	14 9 3 2 35 15 30	Bundoora JSC	14 5 1 8 24 37 16
Meadow Park JSC	10 8 0 2 26 16 24	Ballarat Academy	12 6 2 4 29 27 20	Caulfield Utd	13 9 1 3 39 11 28	Essendon Royals JSC	14 4 3 7 24 20 15
Clifton Hill Utd	9 5 0 4 25 14 15	St Albans	12 4 2 6 17 19 14	Altona City JSC	14 8 1 5 29 13 25	Whittlesea Stallions JSC	14 4 1 9 18 31 13
Banyule City JSC	8 2 1 5 12 16 7	Melton SC	13 4 2 7 16 26 14	Langwarrin SC	14 8 1 5 21 21 25	Sunbury Utd	13 0 1 12 3 7 3 1
Ethlham North JSC	11 2 0 9 12 35 6	Avondale Heights JSC	11 3 0 8 11 28 9	East Bentleigh JSC	13 5 4 4 28 20 19		
Fawkner JSC	8 1 1 6 5 18 4	Brimbank JSC	13 3 0 10 9 45 9	Beaumaris SC	14 4 3 7 18 23 15		
Plenty Valley Lions JSC	9 0 1 8 2 37 1	Green Gully JSC	12 2 1 9 8 25 7	Doncaster Rovers JSC	14 3 1 10 21 55 10		
MILO Boys North 12 D	P W D L F APT	Altona City JSC	0 0 0 0 0	Brighton JSC	14 2 2 10 7 22 8		
Greenvale Utd	14 11 1 2 56 4 35			Watsonia Heights JSC	14 0 1 13 3 57 1		
Broadmeadows Utd	14 1 0 1 30 19 31	MILO Boys West 11 Kangaroos Green	P W D L F APT				
Essendon Royals JSC	13 8 5 0 39 8 29	Green Gully	12 8 1 3 50 8 25	MILO Girls S/E 16 A	P W D L F APT		
Moreland Utd	13 8 1 4 28 19 25	Altona City	11 8 1 2 48 7 25	Langwarrin SC	12 11 1 0 69 6 34		
Youth Utd	13 6 3 4 30 29 21	Kelso Park	11 2 2 37 6 23	Moorebank JSC	13 9 1 3 36 22 28		
Hume Utd	14 5 3 6 24 29 18	Gisborne	8 6 0 2 13 8 18	Casey Panthers JSC	13 5 4 4 30 30 19		
Brunswick Zebras JSC	14 5 0 9 21 33 15	Altona Rovers	9 3 3 3 15 10 12	Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	14 4 5 1 36 13 17		
Watsonia Heights JSC	14 3 2 9 20 50 11	Hoppers Crossing	11 2 2 7 14 43 12	Glen Waverley JSC	12 5 2 5 24 25 17		
Moreland Wolves	13 3 1 9 19 43 10	WVSA	10 2 1 7 16 36 7	Chelsea JSC	13 3 5 1 55 18 14		
Aphington	14 0 0 14 10 63 0	Flemington Eagles	10 0 0 10 8 73 0	Whitehorse	12 2 4 6 11 27 10		
MILO Boys North 11 Kangaroos Green	P W D L F APT	MILO Boys West 11 Joey's Blue	P W D L F APT	Cranbourne Comets JSC	13 2 4 7 12 40 10		
Brunswick Zebras JSC	12 9 3 0 26 6 30	Avondale Heights JSC	10 9 0 1 41 9 27	Phillip Island JSC	12 1 2 9 12 44 5		
North City Lions JSC	13 8 2 3 49 15 26	Williamstown JSC	11 7 3 123 6 24	MILO Girls S/E 16 B	P W D L F APT		
Bundoora JSC	12 8 1 3 35 7 25	Laveron Park JSC	9 5 2 2 24 14 17	Knox City JSC	14 12 0 2 92 6 36		
Preston Lions JSC	12 7 4 1 32 6 25	Matthyming Greens JSC	10 4 2 4 11 12 14	North Caulfield JSC	14 11 1 2 46 12 34		
Brunswick City JSC	12 6 2 4 30 14 20	Kelso Park JSC	9 4 1 4 21 12 13	Boroondara Lions JFC	13 11 0 2 81 8 33		
Heidelberg Stars JSC	13 4 1 8 20 23 13	Satellite City Utd	10 3 0 7 10 30 9	Dandenong City JSC	12 9 1 2 26 14 28		
Epping City SC	13 4 1 8 16 34 13	Werribee City JSC	11 2 1 8 10 30 7	Boronia JSC	14 6 1 7 26 34 19		
Heidelberg Utd	12 3 0 9 11 40 9	Brimbank JSC	10 1 1 8 12 8 4	Seaford Utd	13 5 2 6 25 24 17		
Ethlham North JSC	13 0 0 13 17 5 0	MILO Boys West 11 Joey's Red	P W D L F APT	Croydon City Arrows JSC	14 4 2 8 14 39 14		
MILO Boys North 11 Kangaroos Purple	P W D L F APT	Bendigo Amateur	11 8 1 2 47 13 25	Richmond JSC	14 3 1 10 23 62 10		
Melbourne Knights JSC	12 9 2 1 44 10 29	Green Gully	10 8 1 138 8 25	Brighton JSC	14 2 0 12 41 0 6		
Whittlesea Stallions JSC	13 9 2 2 23 7 29	Sunbury Utd	10 7 1 2 32 6 22	Berwick Kings FC	14 1 0 13 11 91 3		
Essendon Royals JSC	12 8 3 1 37 6 27	Sunshine Georgies	11 5 4 2 23 9 19	MILO Girls S/E 14 A	P W D L F APT		
Light Utd	12 6 3 3 21 7 21	Altona City	12 5 0 7 34 16 15	Sandringham City JSC	11 11 0 0 74 5 33		
Fawkner JSC	12 6 2 4 18 17 20	Sydenham Park	11 4 0 7 24 47 12	North Caulfield JSC	12 9 1 2 41 15 28		
Moreland City JSC	13 5 0 8 24 15	St Albans	11 1 2 8 10 33 5	Glen Eira JSC	11 8 0 3 38 14 24		
North City Lions JSC	12 3 3 6 15 20 12	Gisborne	10 0 1 9 29 0 1	Richmond JSC	10 5 0 5 29 27 15		
Brunswick Zebras JSC	12 0 2 10 5 37 2	MILO Girls Metro 18 Green	P W D L F APT	Doncaster Rovers JSC	11 4 2 5 17 16 14		
Clifton Hill Utd	12 0 1 11 4 44 1	Sandringham City JSC	10 10 0 0 70 2 30	Whitehorse	11 0 1 10 12 52 1		
MILO Boys North 11 Joey's Blue	P W D L F APT	Bundoora JSC	9 8 0 1 65 11 24	Boronia JSC	11 0 1 10 1 70 1		
Moreland Utd	13 12 1 0 52 2 37	Sydenham Park JSC	10 7 0 3 40 16 21	MILO Girls S/E 14 B	P W D L F APT		
Diamond Valley Utd	14 10 2 2 33 6 32	St Albans JSC	11 4 2 5 24 27 14	Langwarrin SC	10 9 1 0 59 4 28		
Essendon Royals JSC	14 9 1 4 23 10 28	Brunswick Zebras JSC	11 3 2 5 33 37 11	North Caulfield JSC	11 6 3 2 30 9 21		
Keon Park SC	12 6 1 2 19 15 20	Bulleen JSC	10 3 2 5 18 44 11	Glen Eira JSC	11 6 3 2 24 12 21		
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RISING STARS

with Matthew Morris-Thomas



Matty Thomas
in the Frankston
Pines guernsey.

Most boys have dreams, some chase them, some don't, others, like three time Frankston Pines' junior club champion, Mathew Morris-Thomas, grab them like there is no tomorrow.

"Matty" is about to embark on a trip that could dramatically change his life, one he's not expecting to return from all too soon. He's heading off for a month long tour of Europe with the exclusive European Football Institute. If successful the young midfielder could soon be swapping his Monterey Secondary College uniform for silky red, maybe blue, football shirt.

Despite being on the cusp of realising a lifelong ambition - to play professional, international football

- the young centre-mid is unnervingly calm. "I'm looking forward to it, I just hope I get seen," says the lad whose name covets more silverware at Pines than men thrice his age.

Due to leave in mid August, Matty's ability will be on display for Europe's leading scouts. As well as the scheduled EFI tour he will individually trial for a number of other clubs including English Premier League debutantes Reading, and first division sides Stoke City and Nottingham Forest.

One of seven children Mathew started playing at Pines at age five, quickly realising the world game was more about brains than brawn.

"I played a lot with my older brother Thomas and his mates, even for my age I was pretty small, so I learnt pretty quickly to use my feet," he says.

"If you play with bigger kids you learn to rely on your skill, you've got nothing else really."

Aside from a season with South Melbourne's youth team Matty has played all of his club football at Pines. He says it has imbued him with important attributes that guide his football to the current day.

"You learn to play for the love of the shirt and the club. Pines taught me about passion, about playing with your heart as well as your head," he says.

Long time Pines junior coach Michael Roski, who will accompany Mathew to Europe, says his young charger has what it takes to crack the big time.

"What can I say, he's got a bigger heart than Pharlap, he's completely dedicated, and he's an absolute pleasure to coach," says Roski.

"Time after time he's won games for me and the team, often from nothing."

He's the sort of player that can turn a 2-0 deficit into a 4-2 victory in a matter of minutes. If there

was ever a kid that deserves to make it overseas its Matty, I can't speak highly enough of him.

Mathew leaves on August 16, no doubt buoyed by a recent winning streak at Pines which has seen the

U21s win three on the trot despite an otherwise ordinary season.

By Jason Gillick

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YET ANOTHER ON BITES THE DUST

Apologies to the remaining employed Vodafone Cup coaches.

Last week I published a list of the coaches who were still gainfully employed.

I never intended this to be the "Hit List" for Vodafone Club powerbrokers to review and act upon.

One of the names on this list was George Katsakis, who was Kingston City's coach.

Last Sunday, they parted company in an event filled day, which was Melbourne's worst kept secret.

Katsakis Out – Murphy In.

Kenny Murphy featured very prominently in my article last week; he has now left the ranks of the unemployed and is now the "numero uno" at Kingston City.

Survivor Island now consists of the following contestants

S Munro	Oakleigh Canons
M Michalakoloulos	Bulleen Zebras
J Anastasiadis	South Melbourne
J Markovski	Fawkner/Whittlesea
Next?	

DESPERATE AND DATELESS

Frankston Pines have done me a huge favour in that last week I wrote that they have about as much chance of surviving the big drop, as I have of having dinner with Shakira.

What followed was consecutive wins against Essendon and the Melbourne Knights.

Keep it up lads; my dinner date with Shakira at Macca's is looking good!

EAGLES TAKE THE CAKE

A visit to Kevin Bartlett Reserve, home of Richmond Eagles, has restored my faith in grass roots football. Friday night's match against South Melbourne saw Katsa take advantage of their bar and canteen facilities, the highlight being the cake at half time, washed down with their famous cooked red wine.

Boo was nowhere to be seen though, I scoured high and low to find him.

In desperation, I was hoping that someone would kick one of the match balls on to Monash Freeway, as Bop would then reveal himself, as he is the designated daredevil who risks life and limb to retrieve it.

SHARE THE WEALTH

The FFV have copped a battering on the airwaves of SEN this week, where a not too happy parent of a junior State representative had to part with \$2500 for her son to travel interstate to represent the Big V.

This has always been a bone of contention of mine, as I cannot fathom why these costs cannot be met by the FFV, who charge clubs quite handsomely for Registration/Transfers and Affiliation fees. Surely they can come to the party and ensure that these players and their parents, are not out of pocket, to represent their State in the National Championships.

While they are at it, perhaps they can also let these players keep their playing shirt at the conclusion of the Championships. These honours do not come around every day and I'm sure these young players would like to keep some mementos of their representative experience.

I call the good with the bad – the FFV has improved significantly in their service delivery over the last few years, however, this is an area that needs to be addressed asap.

VODAFONE CUP

Back to the Vodafone Cup – rewrite the form guide of the Oakleigh Cannons.

In race track terms, they have won at the distance; won at the track; but traditionally lost on heavy tracks.

Last weekend, they reversed this poor wet track form and accounted for the Sunshine Georgies on a very heavy surface, one that I was actually surprised as being passed fit to play on by the man in black.

As J Walker and W N Filed is not allowed to accompany me at the various press boxes of Vodafone Cup clubs, I usually steer far away from these venues. However, the exception was last week at Chaplin Re-



Yet another one bites the dust...Former Kingston coach George Katsakis became the latest Vodafone Cup coaching casualty despite his side still being a finals contender.

Photo by Daniel Flis

ference.

"There's a couple of them (defenders) have to lift their game. But having said that, and I know it sounds like an excuse; it's the first time the boys have played together. It's a new team."

Their pre season games against numerous clubs must have been an illusion. Are you sure Ernie, that it's the first time that they have played together?

Until next week...

This is Katsa, but not as you've known him. When the Fat Lady sings, I hope that your team is the winner.

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BAYSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE



► Seniors

What an incredible season this is turning out to be! League leaders Western Port Wanderers undefeated streak at home has finally been broken, and by the only team that had defeated them this season. That team is Hampton Park United.

Hampton Park United had been in rather ordinary form of late but they repeated their round four match against Western Port with this time a 2-1 result. It has moved Hampton back into second place, five points adrift from top spot.

But it was not all bad news for our league leaders as then second placed Croydon Ranges team failed to take advantage of Western Port's slip up when lost away to Rosebud. This slip up for the Ranges now has them one place in third behind Hampton Park.

The match between Boronia Knights and Knox City was called off a half time due to incredible wild storms in the area. At the time the match was 0-0.

A huge relegation battle match between Mt Lilydale and Peninsula ended with Peninsula gaining the three points with a 2-0 win. The win lifts Peninsula now three points clear of Mt Lilydale Old Collegians who are in ninth.

Bayswater Strikers gained three points with a 3-0 walkover against the suspended Condors.

► Reserves

Boronia Colts chances of catching up with leaders Croydon Ranges has been severely dented after they lost at home to current champions Knox City Harlequins. That onto of Croydon Ranges terrific away win over Rosebud has helped Croydon to a seven point lead at the top.

Western Ports three game winning streak came to an end as they drew at home to Hampton Park.

► Division 1

With still five rounds remaining, the undefeated Langwarrin cannot be caught to the prize of the Bayside Division 1 championship. It was all but assured when Langwarrin defeated Cuscatlan 4-0 and second placed Brighton Old Boys was surprisingly held to a 1-1 draw to Mornington Power.

This marks the forth time that a club from Langwarrin has won the second tier league and the first since 2003 when under the name of Bayern Langy Klusen. The other two titles came in 1994 & 1995.

The race for second place is still far from over with Brighton Old Boys leading the charge with 20 pts over Monash Peninsula who are in striking distance on 18pts. Monash Peninsula was able to get the points against Baxter Eagles with a 3-2 victory.

► Women's Premier League

Hampton Park United has won the very first Bayside League championship for women when they defeated Frankston Pines 2-0. Congratulations to the undefeated Hampton Park United. Now can they do the double with the cup fixtures at the end of the season?

Frankston Fillies have notched up their very first victory in the league with a high scoring fixture against Rosebud 4-3. The win was the first for the club in eleven appearances and well deserved at that.

► Division 2

Cranbourne Gold has now defeated Parkmore twice this year. The first time in the Cup group stage and now inflicting league leaders Parkmore's first ever league defeat when Cranbourne won 4-0.

The win for Cranbourne has given them renewed hope that they may indeed challenge for the championship as they are now only five points away from top spot, held by Parkmore.

Chelsea Old Boys are keeping them both in sight as they recorded a solid win over Mornington Glory.

Montrose recoded their third win - and there biggest - when they defeated last placed Baxter Flacons 5-1.



► Division 3

Frankston Pines continues to impress everybody this second half of the season that now includes a victory over new champions Phillip Island. But they may have left the chase for second place just a bit late.

Seaford United, Montrose and Rosebud Dinosaurs have all been fighting for second place all season and

now its Seaford United's turn to hold that place when they defeated last place Croydon Old Boys 5-2. Montrose lost second place when they were defeated at home by Rosebud 2-0.

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One on One with
Mike Allder
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Q. Mike Allder, how did you get yourself into the position of managing Langwarrin?

A. I took over the Division 1 team during the pre-season. I had been a player for the last few years and decided it was time to do a little more. The playing group also decided that it was time to move the Sunday teams up in to the Bayside Premier League so I, along with Nigel Plaskett (Super Coach) and Jerry Scott (Division 2 Team) have been responsible for keeping everyone focused on that goal.

Q. Langwarrin has basically dominated this season's division 1. What in your view has contributed to this outstanding success?

A. We set our season goals very early in the pre-season. We definitely had promotion as our number 1 goal as well as trying to win the league and do well in the Cup. I guess you could say they were born out of frustration from last season's disappointment and finishing third, missing out on promotion and losing in the cup quarter-finals. We definitely felt we threw the League away last season and most of that team is now very committed to making up for it this year. However congratulations to Peninsula though on their first Premier League season, we look forward to joining them in 2007.

Q. Name some of your key players and what they bring to the club?

A. Ross Hamilton is currently second in the League for scoring and we also have Chris Lemon and Craig Deerjack in the top ten. 42 goals so far in 12 games has been a great effort. We also have the Lowe brothers (Dewi and Harry) in central midfield, who have been terrific in controlling that area of the park. Our more experienced players, Steve Bakewell, Ian Kenna and Grant Cockcroft kept the defence in order and have been rock solid all year. They haven't let a goal in for the last 5 league matches and only 7 all season with the help of Fency in nets.

Q. With the championship now decided what will be the focus for the club for the remainder of the season (eg cup, undefeated run)?

A. Obviously we will be trying to remain undefeated although we know that won't be easy. I'm pretty sure the other teams all would love to take some points of us and we are wary of dropping our guard. We are still training quite hard and want to be ready for whoever we draw in the cup. We are looking forward to the challenge of taking on the Premier League teams and are confident of being a threat.

Q. What do you believe was the defining moment of this season?

A. The 3-1 home win against Brighton on the opening day was great because they had the wood over us for a while but I think the only draw we've had, 1-1 at home to Baxter really woke us up. We completely dominated the first half and missed some very easy chances. It was 1-0 at half-time but it should have been a lot more. Baxter played well and took us on in the second half, managing an equaliser late in the game. We left some players on the bench un-used which was something we regret, and overall had a fairly dirty day. However, the draw really was the catalyst for the current run of 9 straight wins and is there as a reminder for the rest of the season.

Q. Last time Langwarrin won promotion to the top tier of the Bayside League (Bayern Langy Klusen in 2003) they did not fair so well, how is this team different from that one?

A. I think in that year it wasn't a collective goal to go into that League, the successful team of the year before parted ways and there wasn't a real sense of purpose. I definitely think this year's team will all continue on and we also hope to add to the squad over the summer. Obviously with the addition of a reserve team, there will be an opportunity for players to come and be part of what I believe is one of the great sporting clubs in Victoria.

Q. In one word (if possible) how would you describe Langwarrin as a club?

A. Proud

Anyone interested in contacting Mike Allder at Langwarrin Soccer Club for 2007 etc... ph. 0433 511 904 mallder@australianopen tennis.com

Sash Prepares To Rock The Roar



Anything less than a finals appearance for A-League outfit Queensland Roar in the upcoming season would be deemed as a disappointment.

That's according to off-season recruit Sasa Ognenovski, who signed with the club in April.

Finals action appears to be beckoning for the former Fawkner-Whittlesea stopper in his debut A-League season, as the word emerging from up north is that his Queensland team mates are priming themselves for a post-season assault.

Being one of the new kids on the block, Ognenovski, 27, is finding himself swept in the club's optimism as he, too, has set himself high goals for the upcoming campaign.

"(For me) it's pretty hard to sort of make a judgment (on Queensland's chances this season) because we haven't played against everyone in full flight," Ognenovski said.

"But the boys that were there last year have said with the inclusions that we've had like Ante Milicic, Andrew Packer and a couple of overseas boys, the team looks very, very strong and they're talking top-two finish."

"Finals is a must, that's what spoken around the club, that finals is a must. And I've got no doubt that we'll be there for finals."

"I'd like to help the team make the finals and obviously every team in the A-League is striving for this Asian Champions League."

"It would be a good opportunity to represent Australia not for the Socceroos or anything like that but as a Queensland Roar representing Australia in the Asian Champions League would be fantastic."

The central defender would have to be the least heralded of the Roar's list of imports with names such as Milicic (Newcastle Jets), Packer (Sydney FC), Simon Lynch (Dundee FC, Scotland) and Marcus Wedau (VFL Osnabrück, German) among the list of high-profile additions to the Queensland squad.

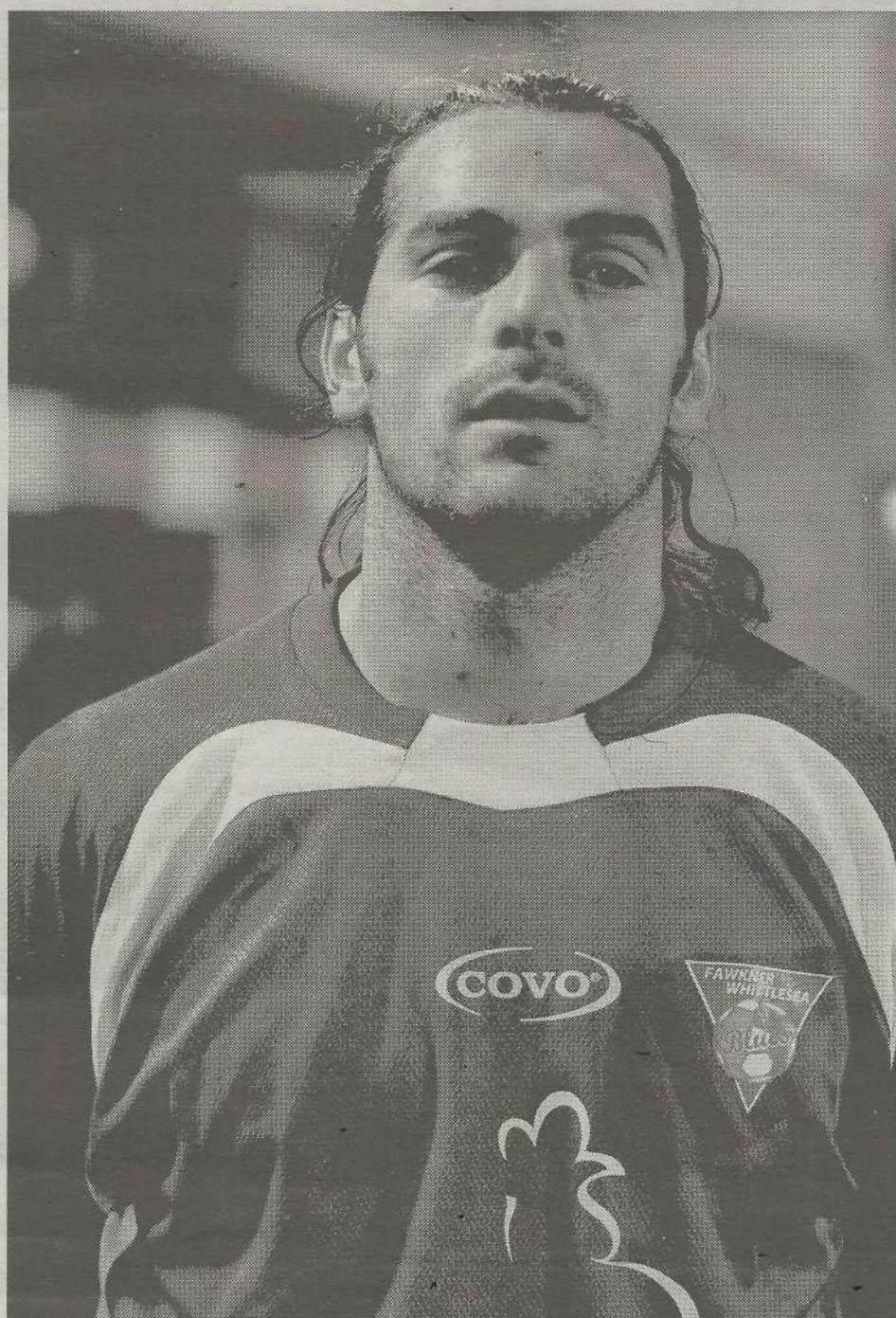
But by season's end Ognenovski could prove to be one of Roar's most astute inclusions.

There are already huge wraps on the former National Soccer League and Victorian Premier League representative and most of the plaudits are coming from Queensland coach Miron Bleiberg, who has already dubbed his charge as a "powerhouse" and a player that "will be a force this season".

"It's always good when the coach is saying good stuff about you I guess," Ognenovski replied when asked what he thought of his coach's praises.

According to the player himself, it is his attack on the football and his positional flexibility that helped secure his signature to the Roar.

"Miron was looking for a bit more aggression in the backline and probably just in front as a defensive midfielder," he explained.



Sash Ognenovski: In the blue strip of Fawkner-Whittlesea before venturing north to don the orange of A-League side Queensland Roar

"I think he's just after a bit more aggression and a bit more hardness at the ball. They were probably the factors that I signed with Roar."

But the X-factor in the Ognenovski make-up, and one that Bleiberg hopes will better the Roar's sixth position and 27-goal tally from last season, is his ability to score goals.

In Roar's inaugural season, no defender managed to score a goal from 61 attempts combined. Compare that to Sydney FC and Adelaide United, last season's champions and minor premier, who each found four goals through defenders from 48 and 42 attempts respectively.

In 13 games with Fawkner-Whittlesea this year Ognenovski had already scored four goals. He also scored in two practice games with Queensland.

"Obviously, I've scored a few goals in the Premier League while I was playing there this season and hopefully I can help (Queensland Roar) in that regard too," he said.

Unfortunately for Ognenovski, his first senior A-League game was one he won't be remembering too rapidly after he was sent off just before half-time in his club's 1-0 Pre-Season Cup loss to Sydney.

After missing the following match against the New Zealand Knights, Ognenovski returned to the starting line-up in the Roar's nil-all draw with the Newcastle Jets.

With he and his family settling in well into the club environment and Queensland lifestyle, Ognenovski admits that life in the A-League will be far more challenging than his experiences in the NSL. But he believes that if he trains hard and maintains a disciplined daily routine, a prosperous career looms in the top flight of Australian football.

"Obviously the way you live your lifestyle it's gotta be professional," Ognenovski explained.

"You've got to be professional otherwise you won't cut it in the league. That's sort of the difference with a lot of the players that you play with."

"For example, you've got players in the Victorian Premier League who have got the talent to play in the A-League but just that little bit of professionalism probably stops them."

"So the way I prepare you've just got to give it everything you've got at training. At training you just give 100%."

By Chris Vernuccio

Fact File

Ognenovski, Sasa
Date of Birth: 03-Apr-79
Position: Defender

Playing Record

1998-2000 Preston Lions (VPL)
2000-03 - Melbourne Knights (NSL)
2003/04 Preston Lions (VPL)
2005/06 - Fawkner-Whittlesea (VPL)
2006/07 Queensland Roar (A-League)

Vukovar's 90 Game Streak Broken

the Victorian Amateur Premier League (Morning) competition finally came to an end last Sunday morning at the hands of Churchill Reserve co-tenants and fierce rivals HNK Mostar. In recent years, St. Albans Vukovar have won a plethora of titles and trophies along the way, but their biggest achievement was the setting of a new Australian record in league matches, which now finally stands at 90.

Some people are calling Mostar's win over their fellow rivals Vukovar "As the biggest sports upset since Australia 2 won the Americas cup," as Mostar's form in the league has been indifferent to say the least. The mid-table side suffered a 4-1 loss at home to the bottom of the table Keilor Wolves the previous week, before shocking the football world with their hard fought 2-1 win over the reigning champs, Vukovar.

Mostar drew first blood mid way thru the first half after a failed clearance by the Vukovar defense from an ensuing corner resulted in an own goal. Mostar struck again just before the hour mark, as a trade mark free kick by Motar's 'Gaffer' Branko Bacak (ex Saints & Suburbs striker) sizzled passed Vukovar's Keeper, Anthony Sakic, to give the underdogs a 2-0 lead.

Mostar's second goal sparked the champions, as Vukovar's player coach Goran Trogalac (ex Bulleen & Saints midfielder) responded with a four pronged attack. Bacak sensed the shift in momentum and made



the necessary adjustments his back line. However, Vukovar was rewarded for their bravery with 15 minutes left to play, when young gun Stipe Mrso eloquently pegged one back for Vukovar.

Vukovar had the scent of blood, but Mostar's sweeper

Damir Movric (ex Saints Midfielder) held firm, marshalling his backline like "Rommel." Unlike previous occasions between the two, the Mousterian's this time held out for an historic win.

Mostarian stalwart Bruno Hristic took out the, Ante

Mostars President Branko Duzel said after the game "That he had experienced nothing sweeter in his short term at the club" as the boys partied hard well into the early hours of Monday morning. He also praised the achievement of Vukovar's unbeaten streak and said "That it won't be broken in our lifetimes", as well as praising the performance of new recruit, Marko Vukovic.

By Bruno Zovko



Above: HNK Mostar
Above left: Vukovar

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FOOTBALL FOCUS... with Cameron Jones



Name: Cameron Jones
Club: Frankston Pines
Position: Right Midfield
Age: 23
Height: Not Sure? Short!
Weight: 77kg
Nickname: Jonesy
Previous clubs: Richmond SC and Knox City

Outfield player you most enjoy watching in the VPL?

Fergal O'Colmain

In the world?

Christiano Ronaldo (when he's not rolling around on the ground)

Hardest keeper and team to score against?

Robbie Simioni (Richmond) and hardest team thus far was Altona Magic.

Occupation?

Student

Craziest team mate of all time?

Craig Kerr

Most influential coach of all time?

Andy Humble

Most memorable match as a player?

Knox City vs Northcote (to get promoted when Heidelberg choked)



As a fan?
 Australia vs Uruguay in Sydney

Where were you when Australia drew 2-2 with Iran?
 At a mates place

And when Australia qualified for the World Cup against Uruguay?
 Royal Derby Hotel in Brunswick St.

Representative honours?
 Best under 21 player twice at Knox City
 Best and Fairest Richmond SC 2004

Most memorable goal you've scored?
 The winning goal versus Dandenong Thunder, whilst playing at Knox City, winning 4-3. Their supporters thoroughly enjoyed that...

Worst injury:
 Osteo Pubis

Funniest moment in football?
 When Nick Waite fell face first into a puddle against Preston (away) to a cheer from their supporters.

Record number of juggles in single attempt?
 Four

Steak, chicken parma or seafood?
 Chicken Parma

Chips, veggies or salad?
 Veggies

Pizza, Souvlaki or Cevapi?
 Pizza

Favourite drink, non alcoholic and alcoholic?
 Milo, and alcoholic would be Johnnie Black

Favourite nightspot?
 Lucky Coq in South Yarra

Favourite holiday destination?
 The Caribbean

Kitchen whiz or home handyman?
 Both

What's in the CD player right now?
 John Legend

Dream date?
 It would have to be on a cruise ship through the Greek islands with a great vintage red.

First team-mate you'd invite to a party, and why?
 Ando, because that way I'll never be the drunkest one at the party.

On the end of season trip, the last player to shout drinks will be...

Keiren McIvor

Match day superstitions or rituals?
 None

Typical matchday meal?
 Bacon and eggs

Favorite sporting team when growing up?
 England's Chelsea FC

What are your strengths?
 Probably frustrating the opposition
What are your weaknesses?
 Height, or my lack of it

Ten pin bowling or skydiving?
 Bowling

Toughest opponent?
 Graham Hockless

Select a player that you play most like?
 I've been told I play like a black dog?

Which team do you select when playing soccer on a computer game?
 Brazil

What is the last soccer shirt you bought?
 The new Australia strip

Funniest rumour you have heard about yourself?
 Not sure?

Childhood soccer idol?
 Didn't have one...

Favorite former Socceroo?
 Johnny Warren

Favorite Current Socceroo?
 Tim Cahill

What song or movie to do you get inspiration from?
 John Farnham 'You're the voice'

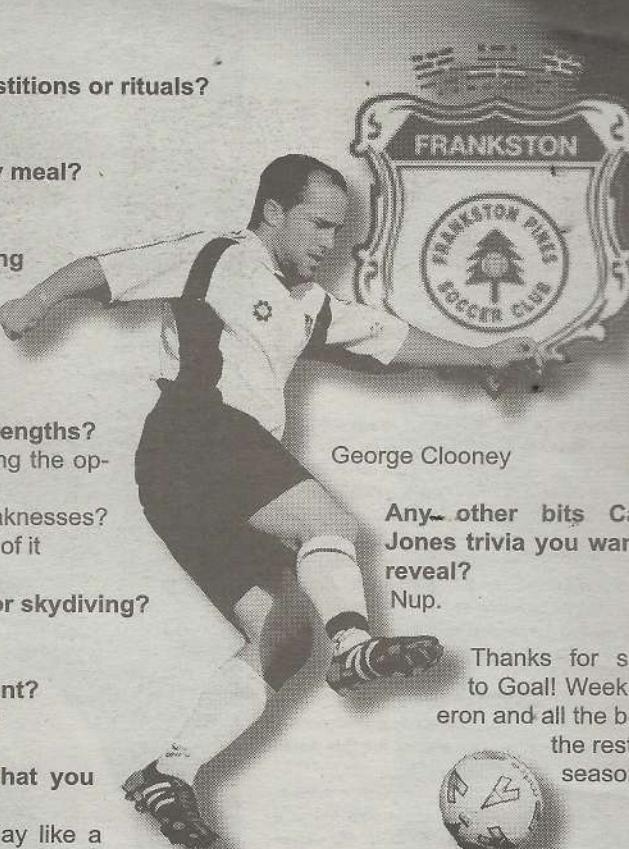
Do you watch Footballers Wives?
 No

Best away ground you like to visit?
 Richmond

If I didn't play football I'd play...
 Golf

What fictional character would you most like to be; why?
 Garfield: because I could just lounge around and get fed while watching TV.

Hollywood is making a movie about your career. Who would you select to play you in a movie?



George Clooney

Any other bits Cameron Jones trivia you want us to reveal?
 Nup.

Thanks for speaking to Goal! Weekly Cameron and all the best for the rest of the season

Above: Cameron playing for Richmond Eagles.

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